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TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

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*Annual Report*

*On Saturday June 5th 2010 the town gathered at the Plainfield Fire Station to celebrate Chief Gordon Gillen’s 25 years of service to his community and to wish him the absolute best in retirement. In honor of Gordon’s service, the Selectboard dedicated the town’s police station in his name.*

*Cover photo: Sarah Gillens*

**PLAINFIELD WEATHER 2010**  
(Observations by Doug Cogan)

MONTH	HIGH Temp(F)	LOW Temp(F)	MEAN Temp(F)	RAIN (Inches)	SNOW (Inches)	PRECIPITATION (Inches)
JANUARY	53	-6	23	1.04	15.25	1.62
FEBRUARY	44	7	28	0.85	13.50	2.08
MARCH	70	17	40	4.35	3.25	4.40
APRIL	86	27	52	2.97	1.50	2.80
MAY	96	28	61	2.22		2.22
JUNE	89	41	66	5.11		5.11
JULY	98	44	73	2.75		2.75
AUGUST	93	46	70	2.98		2.98
SEPTEMBER	95	33	63	4.20		4.20
OCTOBER	75	26	48	7.01		7.01
NOVEMBER	61	18	38	2.54	1.50	2.65
DECEMBER	53	3	25	1.87	18.25	3.13
TOTALS	—	—	—	37.89	53.25	40.95
'10 AVG	59.6	38.4	49.0*	—	—	—
10yr AVG	57.5	35.7	46.4	34.37	84.35	42.30

\* Warmest year on record. Breaks record of 48.0 degrees F set in 1999.

Daily high temperature records: March 19, 70 degrees F; April 2, 79°; April 3, 82°; April 7, 86°; April 25, 90°; May 2, 89°; May 24, 89° (tie with 1964); May 25, 95°; and May 26, 96° (ties all-time May hottest temperature, set on May 20, 1989); July 6, 97°; July 8, 98° (tie with 1988); Sept. 1, 95°; Sept. 24, 89°.

No record low temperatures were recorded.

# TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

New Hampshire

## Annual Report 2010

Annual Reports  
of the  
Officers and Selectmen  
and the  
School District



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## TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
<b>MODERATOR</b>	Stephen H. Taylor	2011
<b>ASSIST. MODERATOR</b>	Paul B. Franklin	2011
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	Michelle Marsh	2013
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>	Thomas P. Williams Jr., Chair	2011
	Robert W. Taylor	2012
	Judith A. Belyea	2013
	Sarah Governo	2011
<b>TREASURER</b>	Ruth Ann Wheeler	2013
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>		
<b>TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS</b>	Edward Stansfield	2011
	Donald Garfield	2012
	Jesse Stalker	2013
<b>TRUSTEES PR LIBRARY</b>	Dennis Girouard	2011
	Bernadina Webber	2012
	Anita Brown	2013
<b>TRUSTEES MERIDEN LIBRARY</b>	Mark Pensgen	2011
	Kara Toms	2012
	Margaret H. Bonney	2013
<b>SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST</b>	Harold L. Jones Jr.	2012
	Donald Jordan	2015
	Diane W. Rogers	2016
<b>CEMETERY TRUSTEES</b>	James Taylor	2012
	Jesse Stalker	2013
	Bradford Atwater	2011
<b>DEP. TAX COLLECTOR</b>	Michelle Marsh	
<b>DEP. TOWN CLERK</b>	Ruthann Wheeler	
<b>BALLOT CLERKS</b>	Sarah Governo	
	Robin Marsh	
	Elizabeth Laurie	
	Bette Stockwell	

**ROAD AGENT  
TREE WARDEN  
HEALTH OFFICER  
ZONING ADMIN.  
YIELD TAX AGENT  
WELFARE DIRECTOR  
EMERGENCY MGT.DIR.  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Kenneth Stocker  
Kenneth Stocker  
A. Halton Grindle  
Stephen Halleran  
Judith A. Belyea  
A. Halton Grindle  
James McCarragher  
Paul Roberts, Chief  
Lawrence Dore, Deputy Chief.  
Anthony Swett  
Joshua Alden  
Mathew Agan

**PLANNING BOARD**

Jane Stephenson, Chair	2013
Michael Sutherland	2011
Allan Ferguson	2011
Jeffrey Allbright	
Mary Barnes	
Desmond Hudson, alt	2011
Judith Belyea	Selectwoman

**ZONING BOARD  
OF ADJUSTMENT**

Richard Colburn, Chair	2013
Edward Moynihan	2012
Bradford Atwater	2012
William McGonigle,	2011
Stephen Sheehan,	2013
Margaret Cassedy	Resigned

**CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION**

Myra Ferguson, Chair	2013
Judith Ptak	2011
William Knight	2011
Judith Hallam	2012
Anne Donaghy	2013
David Taylor	2013
Jeffrey Marsh	Alt.
George Sandmann	Alt.
Margaret Gibson	Resigned

**RECREATION**

Daniel Cantlin, Chair  
Martin Morgan  
Judith Houde-Hardy  
Todd MacDonald  
Pamela Lewis  
Jason Huett

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Scott MacLeay  
Douglas Adams  
Maryellen Sullivan  
Stephen Beaupre  
Joseph Bretton  
Jean Strong

**UVLSRPC**

Richard Winters  
James Taylor

**MERIDEN FIRE CHIEF  
PLAINFIELD FIRE CHIEF  
FOREST FIRE WARDENS**

David Best  
Frank Currier  
Frank Currier, Warden  
Douglas Plummer, Deputy  
John Conly, Deputy  
Christopher Berry, Deputy  
William Taylor, Deputy  
David Best, Deputy

**KUA STUDY  
COMMITTEE**

Shelley Andrews  
Gordon Defoe  
James Bonney  
Elizabeth Duany  
John Yacavonne  
Robyn Hadlock  
Robert Hewett  
Myra Ferguson-School Board  
James Gray- Kimball Union Academy  
Stephen Halleran

**CONNECTICUT RIVER  
JOINT COMMISSIONS**

Robert Kline

**MT ASCUTNEY  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Edward Moynihan  
Stephen Halleran



**TOWN HALL  
COMMITTEE**

Nancy Norwalk  
Beverly Widger  
Bradford Atwater  
Nancy Scott  
David Chellis  
Ruth Cassedy

**ENERGY  
COMMITTEE**

Nancy Mogielnicki  
Thom Wolke  
Allan Ferguson  
Robin Larson  
David Taylor  
Mike O'Leary  
Oliver Herfort  
William McGonigle  
Wendy James  
Stephen Halleran



**Boston Post Cane recipient Clara Perry**

**WARRANT  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, SS**

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield, in the County of Sullivan, in said State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Tuesday, the 8th day of March next at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

**[Polls will be open until 7:00 P.M.]**

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose by ballot: One Town Moderator for two years, one Selectman for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, one Cemetery Trustee for three years and any other necessary town officers.

**You are further notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Saturday, the 12th of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:**

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,890,337 to defray town charges for the 2011 fiscal year. The Selectboard proposes the following budget:

<b>1. Executive</b>	<b>\$167,240</b>
<b>2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics</b>	<b>4,580</b>
<b>3. Financial Administration</b>	<b>63,300</b>
<b>4. Revaluation of Property</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>5. Legal Expenses</b>	<b>8,600</b>
<b>6. Personnel Administration</b>	<b>7,000</b>
<b>7. Planning and Zoning</b>	<b>2,200</b>
<b>8. General Government Buildings</b>	<b>5,350</b>
<b>9. Cemeteries</b>	<b>26,000</b>
<b>10. Insurance</b>	<b>35,000</b>
<b>11. Regional Associations</b>	<b>5,100</b>
<b>12. Police Department</b>	<b>303,166</b>
<b>13. Ambulance Service</b>	<b>29,120</b>
<b>14. Fire Departments -Plainfield</b>	<b>43,000</b>
<b>-Meriden</b>	<b>38,000</b>
<b>15. Building Inspection</b>	<b>8,700</b>
<b>16. Emergency Management</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>17. Hydrant &amp; Forest Fire Expense</b>	<b>5,100</b>
<b>18. Dispatching for Fire, Police &amp; Ambulance</b>	<b>19,000</b>
<b>19. Highway Administration</b>	<b>23,800</b>

<b>20. Highways and Streets</b>	<b>591,822</b>
<b>21. Road Projects</b>	<b>111,385</b>
<b>22. Street Lights</b>	<b>8,500</b>
<b>23. Solid Waste Collection</b>	<b>140,000</b>
<b>24. Solid Waste Disposal</b>	<b>50,310</b>
<b>25. Health Agencies</b>	<b>20,195</b>
<b>26. Animal Control</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>27. Welfare</b>	<b>5,250</b>
<b>28. Recreation Commission</b>	<b>18,140</b>
<b>29. Library Department</b>	<b>105,479</b>
<b>30. Patriotic</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>31. Conservation Commission</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>32. Principal Long-term debt</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>33. Interest Long-term debt</b>	<b>7,250</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,890,337</b>

**This budget is exclusive of other warrant articles.  
The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.**

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$147,500** to be placed in existing town capital reserve and general trust funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1 and RSA 31:19-a as follows:

RSA 35:1 funds:

\$ 0	Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.
\$30,000	Revaluation Fund created in 1993.
\$50,000	Highway Vehicles Fund created in 1987.
\$55,000	Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006.
\$5,000	ADA Access Fund created in 2003

RSA 31:19a funds:

\$5,000	Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996.
\$2,500	Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992.

The Selectboard is named agents to expend for the bridge fund, the town hall repair fund, the library building repair fund, the revaluation fund and the transportation improvement fund. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the town will, pursuant to RSA 35:1, vote to establish a Police Department equipment capital reserve fund for the purpose of periodic replacement of police department equipment, items such as radios, video equipment, safety vests and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for this purpose. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend for this fund. The Selectboard recommends this article.



**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 to be used by the town's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee which was appointed at the 2009 town meeting. Said funds to be used for the planning and implementation of the upcoming anniversary celebration. All revenues from the celebration and grants awarded will be returned to the town's general fund to offset the appropriations for this event. The Selectboard recommends this article.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to adopt pursuant to RSA 72:37 a tax exemption for applicants who are legally blind as determined by the State of New Hampshire blind services program bureau of vocational rehabilitation, department of education. Said tax exemption is to be in the amount of \$47,000, applied annually, to the assessed value of the applicant's primary residential real estate. This article is at the request of the NH Department of Revenue Administrator to verify that Plainfield has properly adopted the blind exemption.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if pursuant to RSA 232 the Town will vote to discontinue completely the former section of Main Street that fronts along the property of Christian Forman and Angela Toms (tax map 101 lot 3) in a southerly direction for some 300'. This section of road was left in place during a previous realignment of Main Street and now serves basically as a town maintained driveway for a single residence. All abutters affected by this transaction have been notified and concur with the discontinuance of the roadway. This article is supported by the Board of Selectmen.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the town will vote to increase the real estate exemption on dormitories, dining rooms, and kitchens of Kimball Union Academy above the required \$150,000 as allowed in RSA 72:23, to one hundred (100) percent of the assessed value of property over which the town has statutory discretion.

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the town will direct the selectmen to appoint, within 60 days of town meeting, a committee to continue the KUA/Plainfield study. The charge to this committee shall be to meet with representatives of the KUA administration and maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, including any agreement pursuant to RSA 72:23, and to report its findings at next March's annual town meeting.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the town will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield voters to advise the Selectmen and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town.

**ARTICLE 11.** To see what action the town will take with respect to the reports of town officers.



**ARTICLE 12.** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

**A True Copy Attest:**

*Thomas P. Williams Jr.*  
*Robert W. Taylor*  
*Judith A. Belyea*  
Plainfield Selectboard

**CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

We, the undersigned Selectboard of Plainfield, so hereby certify that on the 16th day of February in the year 2011, we posted a true attested copy of the within warrant at the Plainfield School, it being the place of meeting, and a like true and attested copy of said warrant at the Meriden Town Hall and the Plainfield Town Hall, said locations being public places in the Town of Plainfield.

*Thomas P. Williams Jr.*  
*Robert W. Taylor*  
*Judith A. Belyea*  
**PLAINFIELD SELECTBOARD**

Personally appeared before me, the above names Thomas P. Williams Jr., Robert W. Taylor, and Judith A. Belyea the Selectboard of Plainfield and took oath the foregoing statement is true.

Before me,

*Michelle Marsh*  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires  
September 19<sup>th</sup> 2012

# BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

## Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue

January 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2011

EXPENDITURES Item	2010 Approved	2010 Expense	2011 Request	Percent Change	Dollar Change
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
Executive	\$163,325	\$167,238	\$167,240	2%	\$3,915
Election/Registration	\$8,080	\$3,873	\$4,580	-43%	(\$3,500)
Financial Administration	\$62,100	\$65,220	\$63,300	2%	\$1,200
Revaluation of Property	\$10,000	\$11,840	\$10,000	0%	\$0
Legal Expense	\$10,100	\$8,529	\$8,600	-15%	(\$1,500)
Personnel Administration	\$10,950	\$12,815	\$7,000	-36%	(\$3,950)
Planning and Zoning	\$2,200	\$2,314	\$2,200	0%	\$0
General Government	\$5,850	\$7,794	\$5,350	-9%	(\$500)
Buildings					
Cemeteries	\$28,000	\$24,927	\$26,000	-7%	(\$2,000)
Insurances	\$36,030	\$35,187	\$35,000	-3%	(\$1,030)
Regional Associations	\$5,100	\$5,231	\$5,100	0%	\$0
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
Police	\$283,439	\$297,207	\$303,166	7%	\$19,727
Ambulance	\$30,000	\$30,185	\$29,120	-3%	(\$880)
Fire-Plainfield	\$43,000	\$43,000	\$43,000	0%	\$0
Fire-Meriden	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	0%	\$0
Building Inspection	\$6,800	\$10,060	\$8,700	28%	\$1,900
Emergency Management	\$250	\$0	\$250	0%	\$0
Hydrant Rentals/FFT	\$6,900	\$2,420	\$5,100	-26%	(\$1,800)
Dispatch Service	\$18,000	\$18,209	\$19,000	6%	\$1,000
<b>HIGHWAYS, STREETS</b>					
Highway Administration	\$23,800	\$22,269	\$23,800	0%	\$0
Highway and Streets	\$591,400	\$586,521	\$591,822	0%	\$422
Road Projects	\$109,539	\$100,996	\$111,385	2%	\$1,846
Street Lights	\$9,000	\$9,204	\$8,500	-6%	(\$500)
<b>SANITATION</b>					
Solid Waste Collection	\$150,000	\$152,484	\$140,000	-7%	(\$10,000)
Solid Waste Disposal	\$52,110	\$50,250	\$50,310	-3%	(\$1,800)
<b>Health</b>					\$0
Health Department	\$20,785	\$18,188	\$20,195	-3%	(\$590)
Animal Control	\$500	\$230	\$500	0%	\$0
<b>WELFARE</b>					
General Assistance	\$6,250	\$4,239	\$5,250	-16%	(\$1,000)

# BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

## Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue

January 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2011

(Continued)

<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
Recreation Commission	\$18,925	\$16,100	\$18,140	-4%	(\$785)
Libraries	\$99,861	\$99,861	\$105,479	6%	\$5,618
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,500	\$2,312	\$1,500	0%	\$0
Conservation Commission	\$500	\$312	\$500	0%	\$0
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>					
Principal Long-term debt	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	0%	\$0
Interest Long-term debt	\$8,250	\$8,235	\$7,250	-12%	(\$1,000)
Interest T.A.N Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
<b>OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,885,544</b>	<b>\$1,880,250</b>	<b>\$1,890,337</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>\$4,793</b>

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Dollar</b>
<b>Item</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>					
Hwy Transportation Fund	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$55,000	-8%	(\$5,000)
Hwy Equipment Reserve	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	0%	\$0
Bridge Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Revaluation Fund	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$30,000	100%	\$15,000
Town Hall Repair Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0%	\$0
Library Repair Fund	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	0%	\$0
ADA Access Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0%	\$0
Police Equipment Fund	\$0	\$0	\$5,000		\$5,000
Hwy Equipment Replacement	\$131,000	\$131,000	\$0	-100%	(\$131,000)
250th Celebration Com	\$3,500	\$20	\$3,500	0%	\$0
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>\$272,000</b>	<b>\$268,520</b>	<b>\$156,000</b>	<b>-43%</b>	<b>(\$116,000)</b>
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,157,544</b>	<b>\$2,148,770</b>	<b>\$2,046,337</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>(\$111,207)</b>



# BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

## Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue

January 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2011

REVENUES Item	2010 Anticipated	2010 Received	2011 Anticipated	Percent Change	Dollar Change
<b>TAXES</b>					
Land Use Change Tax (1/2)	\$4,825	\$4,825	\$2,125	-56%	(\$2,700)
Yield Taxes	\$13,000	\$13,652	\$13,000	0%	\$0
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	0%	\$0
Interest & Penalties	\$50,000	\$61,302	\$55,000	10%	\$5,000
Excavations	\$75	\$45	\$45	-40%	(\$30)
<b>LICENSES AND PERMITS</b>					\$0
Licenses & Fees	\$10,000	\$6,010	\$8,000	-20%	(\$2,000)
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$432,000	\$404,713	\$420,000	-3%	(\$12,000)
Trash User Fees	\$90,000	\$86,344	\$90,000	0%	\$0
<b>STATE REVENUE</b>					\$0
Rooms and Meals	\$107,819	\$107,819	\$107,819	0%	\$0
Highway Block Grant	\$109,505	\$109,505	\$121,385	11%	\$11,880
State Reimbursements	\$150	\$417	\$400	167%	\$250
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICE</b>					\$0
Income from Departments	\$30,000	\$24,312	\$30,000	0%	\$0
Reimbursements	\$2,500	\$2,180	\$2,500	0%	\$0
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>					\$0
Sale of Town Property	\$19,000	\$19,450	\$1,000	-95%	(\$18,000)
Interest on Deposits	\$6,500	\$7,385	\$7,500	15%	\$1,000
Snow/Ice Emergency	\$0	\$7,360	\$0		\$0
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					\$0
Capital Reserve Funds	\$131,000	\$131,000	\$0	-100%	(\$131,000)
Trust Funds	\$13,000	\$10,738	\$11,000	-15%	(\$2,000)
<b>BUDGET REVENUE</b>	\$1,020,374	\$998,057	\$870,774	-15%	(\$149,600)
<b>TOTALS</b>					
<b>NET APPROPRIATION</b>	\$1,137,170	\$1,150,713	\$1,175,563		
Change in dollars from taxes:			\$38,393.00	3%	
Projected tax rate impact:			\$0.14		



## **TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

**March 9, 2010**

Plainfield, New Hampshire

The annual meeting for the Town of Plainfield was held at the Plainfield School Gymnasium on Bonner Road on March 9, 2010. Stephen H. Taylor opened the Meeting at 8:00 a.m. with the reading of Article 1. Ruth Ann Wheeler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant, seconded by Michelle Marsh. The balance of the warrant will be read on Saturday March 13, 2010.

Total Number on Checklist:	1618
Total Number of ballots cast:	304
Percentage voting:	19%

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose by ballot: One Treasurer for three years, one Town Clerk for three years, one Tax Collector for three years, one Selectman for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, one Library Trustee (west side) for three years, two Library Trustees (east side) one for three years, one for one year, one Cemetery Trustee for three years, one Supervisor of the Checklist for six years and any other necessary town officers.

### **Town Clerk for three years:**

Michelle Marsh                      had        296 votes

David Grobe had 1 vote

**Michelle Marsh was declared elected.**

### **Selectman for three years:**

Judith Belyea                      had        255 votes

Write-ins:

Beverly Widger & Diane Rogers each had 3 votes

Greg Davini, Rod Drye, Gary Ward, Bill Knight, Douglas Carver, Paul Franklin, Steve Taylor and Scott MacLeay each had one vote.

**Judith Belyea was declared elected.**

### **Tax Collector for three years:**

Ruth Ann Wheeler                had        288 votes.

Michelle Marsh had 3 votes and Deb Beaupre had 1 vote.

**Ruth Ann Wheeler was declared elected.**

**Treasurer for three years:**

Fred Sweet                      had        281 votes.

Sarah Governo had 2 votes and Liz Clark had 1.

**Fred Sweet was declared elected.**

**Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years:**

Jesse Stalker                      had        280 votes.

**Jesse Stalker was declared elected.**

**Cemetery Trustee for Three years:**

Jesse Stalker                      had        279 votes.

**Jesse Stalker was declared elected.**

**Library Trustee for Three years-West Side of town**

Anita Brown    had        276 votes.

**Anita Brown was declared elected.**

**Library Trustee for Three years-East Side of town**

Kara Toms                      had        156 votes

Andrea Bueno Keen    had        102 votes.

**Kara Toms was declared elected.**

**Library Trustee for One Year**

Mark Pensgen                      had        260 votes

Jim Taylor, Robyn Marsh, Pam Kimball, RoAnne Rogerson,  
Kathleen Sheehan each had 1 vote.

**Mark Pensgen was declared elected.**

**Supervisor of Checklist for six years.**

Diane Rogers                      had        288 votes.

**Diane Rogers was declared elected.**

**The meeting was recessed at 7:01 p.m.**

**ARTICLE 2.** To see what action the town will take with regard to the following amendments to the Plainfield Zoning Ordinance, **said changes being recommended by the Planning Board:**

**Amendment #1.** In order to insure a defined process for handling wind powered generating systems (WPGS), the following additions to the town’s zoning ordinance are proposed:

**Add** to the list of Special Exceptions in the Village Residential, Rural Residential, Rural Conservation I and Rural Conservation II Zoning Districts **#23 Wind Powered Generating Systems.**

**Add to the zoning ordinance Section 3.17 WINDPOWERED GENERATING SYSTEMS**

The town, through its policies and zoning ordinance in accordance with RSA 672:1 III & 674:62-66, supports and encourages the development of alternative energy systems. However, like telecommunication towers, wind powered generating systems (WPGS) have the potential to impact other properties, including view sheds, because of their height. Therefore, no building permit for a WPGS shall be issued without the project first having been granted a special exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment and, in the case of projects where a single family house is not the primary use on the property, a site plan review by the Planning Board.

For proposed projects that are governed by RSA 162 H, the town’s role in the review process shall be as allowed by the statute.

Since the visual impact of WPGS can transcend town lines, communities that may be visually affected shall be formally notified of applications for WPGS as projects having regional impact.

Projects that are limited to a single generating unit that is in keeping with the established primary use on the property and whose total height is less than or equal to 100’ will be granted an expedited review. By example, these applications are not required to provide engineered stamped drawings.

In the case of an application involving more than one generating unit and or a height greater than 100’, engineer stamped drawings and specifications are required. In addition, an applicant-funded peer review



by a WPGS expert of the town's choosing may be required. The standard used for this review will consist of current industry best management practices. As part of developing the peer review scope of services, the applicant will be provided a copy of the BMP benchmark document to be used.

**Standards to be met:** In addition to evidence of conformance to all the general performance standards found in section 5.6II of this ordinance, proposals for WPGS must satisfy all of the following:

- a. **Setback:** To insure the safety of the general public, the property line setback for any new WPGS that exceeds 35' in height (measured from ground level at the base of the tower to the tip of one of the blades when in the vertical position) shall be a distance equal to 110% of the height of the WPGS. If the fronting street for the project is a designated scenic road the setback shall be 150% of the height of the WPGS.
- b. **Height:** Regardless of the type of mount, WPGS shall not be higher than 30' above the tree canopy height measured from ground level at the base of the tower to the tip of one of the blades when in the vertical position. If an applicant demonstrates that, due to specific site characteristics additional tower height significantly improves the proposed unit(s) performance without adversely impacting the local view shed, an additional 10' of height may be approved by the zoning board.
- c. **Signs:** The tower structure may not be used for any other purpose or to display any signs or banners other than those necessary for safety without specific written approval of the Zoning Board.
- d. **Lighting:** No lighting shall be permitted on towers except as may be specifically required by another governmental agency with jurisdiction, or where deemed necessary by the Zoning Board.
- e. **Sound Level:** The WPGS shall not exceed 60 decibels using the A scale (dBA), as measured at the site property line, except during short-term events such as severe wind storms and utility outages.
- f. **Vibrations:** WPGS units must not cause vibrations through the ground that are perceptible beyond the property line of the parcel on which it is located.



- g. **Reception Interference:** WPGS units shall not cause interference with television, microwave, navigational or radio reception in neighboring areas.
- h. **Visual Analysis:** All WPGS proposals must include a written plan for minimizing the visual impact of the tower, blades and related tower fixtures. Construction materials, colors, and landscaping shall all be addressed. The units must not cause shadow flicker upon any structure on a neighboring property.
- i. **Code Compliance:** All WPGS shall be required to demonstrate that they have been designed and built to satisfy local codes and nationally accepted design standards.
- j. **Blade Clearance:** Minimum clearance from blade tip to ground is twenty (20) feet.
- k. **Guy Wires:** If used to support the tower, these wires must be covered with a high visibility material to height of at least six (6) above the ground.
- l. **Access:** All towers will be fenced, have lowering mechanisms locked, or have bottom steps removed in a manner, which prevents unauthorized access.
- m. **Connections:** When a WPGS is not immediately adjacent to the structure, all power lines, control lines or other connections between the WPGS and any other structure shall be underground.
- n. **Visual Test:** Unless specifically waived by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, all applicants for WPGS will be required to raise a three foot diameter balloon for a period of three days at the maximum height of the proposed facility within 50' of the proposed location. Dates of test will be set by mutual agreement of the applicant and zoning board. A visual simulation of how the tower will look in its surroundings may be used at the discretion of the Zoning Board in lieu of the balloon test. Temporary towers used to position wind data gathering instrumentation may be used, without review, for up to a six month period.
- o. **Decommissioning:** All proposals for WPGS will include provisions to insure that once the facility is no longer in use, it will be completely removed from the site within ninety (90) days. The Selectboard may declare any WPGS which remains unused for more than one year as abandoned and require its immediate removal. The

landowner shall be responsible for and guarantee the tower removal. The zoning board may require the applicant to post a bond to cover the decommissioning of the unit(s). Approvals shall run with and place a burden upon the land, which is enforceable by the town. See “Expiration of Permit “(currently section 6.5 of the Zoning Ordinance) for more information.

p. **Enforcement:** See RSA 676:17.

**Application Requirements:** All applications for WPGS shall include the following items:

- a. Names and addresses of the owners of the property where the WPGS is proposed.
- b. Abutter list.
- c. Written description of the project which includes the specifications of the proposed generating unit (s).
- d. Site map of the property and proposed facility including topography, elevations, access roads and accessory structures.
- e. Average height of vegetation within 100' of the proposed facility.
- f. Visual analysis.
- g. Decommissioning plan.
- h. Hazard mitigation plan, to include fire prevention and security measures to be taken.

**Add** to the Article VIII the following definitions:

**Wind Powered Generator System (WPGS):** A wind energy conversion system which converts wind energy into power. A system includes a tower, pylon, or other structure, including all accessory facilities, on which one or more of the following are mounted:

1. A wind vane, blade or series of wind vanes or blades or other devices mounted on a rotor for the purpose of converting wind into electrical or mechanical energy.
2. A shaft, gear, or belt or coupling device used to connect the rotor to a generator, alternator, or other electrical or mechanical energy-producing device.
3. A generator, alternator or other device used to convert the energy created by the rotation of the rotor into electrical or mechanical energy.

**Yes      248 votes**

**No      33 votes**

**It was declared a vote in the affirmative.**

**Amendment #2.**

To streamline opportunities for the creation of accessory and rental housing throughout town, the following is proposed:

**Add** to the list of permitted uses in the Rural Residential, Rural Conservation I and Rural Conservation II zones **Accessory Apartment**.

**Remove** from the Rural Residential, Rural Conservation I and Rural Conservation II zones list of possible special exception **#11 Accessory Apartment**.

A similar change was made in 1994 in the Village Residential Zone. Based on the positive experience with that change, the Planning Board is proposing this change to expand housing opportunities throughout the community.

**Yes      243      No      40**

**It was declared a vote in the affirmative.**

On Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, Moderator Stephen Taylor re-opened the meeting at 10:08 a.m. The meeting began with the salute to the flag followed by words of inspiration given by Rev. Suellen Leugers and the singing of God Bless America led by Alice Jordan.

Moderator Taylor recognized Selectman Robert Taylor. Robert Taylor began the meeting with recognition of several long-term employees.

First, the town commended Fred Sweet for his 52 years of service as Town Treasurer. Sweet received a standing ovation and will be further recognized by the Select board.

Secondly, Ruth Ann Wheeler was recognized as retiring as Town Clerk. Wheeler will be continuing to serve as Tax Collector. Wheeler was given a standing ovation.

Next, Taylor presented Stephen Halleran, town administrator with a plaque for twenty years of service directing and guiding the town. Halleran was given a standing ovation.

Chief Gillens presented a plaque to Sgt. Lawrence Dore for twenty years of service as an officer. Dore has been with the police department in a part time capacity since 1975, which adds up to 34 years or more of actual service. Dore was given a standing ovation.



Taylor asked Chief Gordon Gillens to come forward. Gillens was presented with a plaque for his 25 years of service to the town. Gillens will be retiring this summer. Officers Lawrence Dore, Paul Roberts, and Anthony Swett as well as representatives from the State Police, Sheriff’s department and Hanover dispatch were present to honor Gillens. A standing ovation of several minutes was given.

Taylor said that at the last Select board meeting, a decision was made to name the police station the “Gordon Gillens Police Station”. An official dedication ceremony will be held in the future.

Taylor said that last December the Select board also made the decision to change the longevity policy to financially recognize employees who have provided many years of service.

Moderator Taylor resumed the meeting. Paul Franklin moved to dispense with the reading of the articles and Dewey Jones seconded it.

**Article: 3**

Stephen Halleran offered the following resolution and moved its adoption: Resolved that the

Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,885,544** to defray town charges for the 2010 fiscal year. Judith Belyea seconded the motion.

<b>1. Executive</b>	<b>\$163,325</b>
<b>2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics</b>	<b>8,080</b>
<b>3. Financial Administration</b>	<b>62,100</b>
<b>4. Revaluation of Property</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>5. Legal Expenses</b>	<b>10,100</b>
<b>6. Personnel Administration</b>	<b>10,950</b>
<b>7. Planning and Zoning</b>	<b>2,200</b>
<b>8. General Government Buildings</b>	<b>5,850</b>
<b>9. Cemeteries</b>	<b>28,000</b>
<b>10. Insurance</b>	<b>36,030</b>
<b>11. Regional Associations</b>	<b>5,100</b>
<b>12. Police Department</b>	<b>283,439</b>
<b>13. Ambulance Service</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<b>14. Fire Departments -Plainfield</b>	<b>43,000</b>
<b>-Meriden</b>	<b>38,000</b>
<b>15. Building Inspection</b>	<b>6,800</b>
<b>16. Emergency Management</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>17. Hydrant &amp; Forest Fire Expense</b>	<b>6,900</b>
<b>18. Dispatching for Fire, Police &amp; Ambulance</b>	<b>18,000</b>
<b>19. Highway Administration</b>	<b>23,800</b>
<b>20. Highways and Streets</b>	<b>591,400</b>
<b>21. Road Projects</b>	<b>109,539</b>



<b>22. Street Lights</b>	<b>9,000</b>
<b>23. Solid Waste Collection</b>	<b>150,000</b>
<b>24. Solid Waste Disposal</b>	<b>52,110</b>
<b>25. Health Agencies</b>	<b>20,785</b>
<b>26. Animal Control</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>27. Welfare</b>	<b>6,250</b>
<b>28. Recreation Commission</b>	<b>18,925</b>
<b>29. Libraries - Plainfield</b>	<b>59,608</b>
<b>- Meriden</b>	<b>40,253</b>
<b>30. Patriotic</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>31. Conservation Commission</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>32. Principal Long-term debt</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>33. Interest Long-term debt</b>	<b>8,250</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,885,544</b>

Stephen Halleran explained that every \$276,000 of appropriations changes the rate by \$1.00. Towns don't have the same kneecap assessments offered to schools but in consulting with the Municipal Association, the state average of town expenditures is \$818 per resident and Plainfield spends \$764 per resident. Lebanon spends \$1700 and Claremont \$1200. If you look at the Department of Revenue Administration equalization rate-Lebanon would be \$7.51 per thousand, Claremont \$10.96 and Plainfield at \$3.59 well below average.

One of the largest expenses is pavement replacement. This years budget will not be adding \$5000 to the Bridge Fund but putting this amount into paving so there will be no new dollars for this project.

The Town is still pursuing a FEMA grant for Willow Brook Road. If it is not received, the town will go forward with further work.

The operating budget adds no new services; includes a 2-1/2 percent increase for employees who didn't receive an increase in 2009; an increase in health insurance costs, which have been offset with higher deductibles for employees. Fuel prices are still cloudy. There have been no new legal expenses but the on going suit against Townline Equipment if still open and must be budgeted for. So far, this suit has cost the town \$30,000 with no end in sight. The line item for the police department reflects the increase by the New Hampshire Retirement System.

On the revenue side, increasing the cost of trash stickers was discussed but it was decided to keep the current rate of \$2.00. The Town may be adding a second bin so that fiber and other materials can be separated.

A long-term agreement for Workers Compensation and Liability insurance has enabled the town to receive a discount reducing costs. Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department increase is for replacement safety equipment. The value of these departments is reflected in their many hours of efforts after the recent windstorm.

Our welfare budget has remained stable due to the efforts of Al Grindle who has done an incredible management job.

This budget is \$70,000 more than last year but will be offset by the \$80, 000 overlay raised last year.

Thanks were given to the Finance Committee and all the executive departments for their efforts in keeping the budget in check.

**A vote by paper ballot was taken.**

**Yes     207     No 11**

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**Article 4:**

Robert Taylor offered the following motion and moved it adoption: that the Town

Vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$137,500** to be placed in existing town capital reserve and general trust funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1 and RSA 31:19-a as follows: Seconded by Judy Belyea.

RSA 35:1 funds:

\$0	Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.
\$15,000	Revaluation Fund created in 1993.
\$50,000	Highway Vehicles Fund created in 1987.
\$60,000	Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006.
\$5,000	ADA Access Fund created in 2003

RSA 31:19a funds:

\$5,000	Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996.
\$2,500	Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992.

Robert Taylor explained that this was standard procedure and keeps the Town financially stable. There is zero funding for the Bridge Fund as explained earlier. Monies are being placed in the ADA fund for the first time and with hopes these monies will accumulate to assist the Meriden library with handicapped access in the future.

**A vote by paper ballot was taken.**

**Yes     209     No     14**

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**Article 5:**

Thomas P. Williams Jr. offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$131,000** for the purchase of a new dump truck to be used by the highway department, and to authorize the selectmen to withdraw up to the sum of \$131,000 from the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund created in 1987 pursuant to RSA 35:1 and to further authorize the selectmen to sell or trade the town's existing 1994 dump truck. Seconded by Judy Belyea.

Williams explained that the monies for this dump truck will come out of the Vehicle Fund and will not increase taxes. This purchase is a year early so as to purchase the current model rather than the new improved model coming down the road.

**A vote by paper ballot was taken.**

**Yes      200      No 20**

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**Article 6:**

Judy Belyea offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,500** to be used by the town's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee which was appointed at the 2009 town meeting. Said funds to be used for the planning and implementation of the upcoming anniversary celebration. A second appropriation is likely for the 2011 annual meeting. All revenues from the celebration and grants awarded will be returned to the town's general fund to offset the appropriations for this event. Seconded by: Stephen Halleran.

Margaret Drye who is co-chair with Susan Jones said that they are using the 1960 celebration as a model and have lots of additional ideas. There are several towns in the Upper Valley who are also celebrating 250 years.

Moderator Taylor also said that there are plans for a commemorative coin and number plate.

**A paper ballot was taken.**

**Yes      223      No 7**

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 7.**

Thomas P. Williams Jr. offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That

The town, pursuant to RSA 41:26-e, will vote to authorize that the office of Town Treasurer be a Selectboard appointed office subject to annual appointment replacing the current procedure of electing a Town Treasurer every three years.

Seconded by: Judy Belyea



**A vote by voice was taken and the ayes were unanimous.**

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 8.**

Robert Taylor offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That The town vote to create beginning in 2011, a unified library department for the town by merging the two existing boards of trustees. The resulting library department shall be administered by a library board of five members each to serve three-year terms; and further, to authorize and instruct the Selectboard and the existing trustees to take all necessary action to achieve the purpose of this article. Seconded: Stephen Halleran

Selectman Taylor explained the Select board supports both libraries and its clear intention is not to close one library despite the rumors that are flying. This article is to create a single system for the Town. It will be unifying process and eliminating the East and West side of Town separation. The Select board conceived this article. Trustees are elected by a townwide vote and it will continue that way.

The Finance Committee strongly supports this article. This merge would not start until 2011.  
It is hoped that the expertise of a joint board could help solve problems together such as the ADA problems at the Meriden Library.

Stephen Beaupre spoke on the fact that at one time, there were two school boards –one for each side of town and that both boards were merged into the present board representing the town as a whole.

**A vote by paper ballot was taken.**

**Yes     164     No 75**

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 9.**

A motion was offered by Anita Brown and moved that it be adopted: That The town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,800** to upgrade the Librarian/Director’s part-time position at the Philip Read Memorial Library to a full-time position. This upgrade is necessitated by the need to manage growth brought on by the increasing library services and demand. This change will allow the library to be open to the public an additional 9 hours per week. This amount represents the cost of increased salary and the addition of a benefits package



from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 through December 31, 2010, after which, if approved, subsequent years will be funded through the library’s regular operating budget. The cost of a full year of these additional hours and benefits at 2010 rates is \$20,565. Seconded by Dennis Girouard.

Brown explained that this is part of the library’s ten-year plan. Increased technological advances and other added services have increased the workload for the librarian. Philip Read Memorial Library is also the community center for Plainfield Village and increased hours would increase the building’s availability to the public.

**A paper ballot was taken.**

**Yes     89       No     154**

**It was a vote in the negative and the motion was lost.**

John Gregory-Davis moved that Article 13 be moved to the front.

**A hand count was taken.**

**Yes     144     No     57**

**It was a vote in the affirmative to take up action under Article 13.**

**Marion Cash-Rondeau offered the following motion and moved that it be adopted:**

Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines “marriage”. Seconded by Daniel B. Rondeau.

Rondeau explained that this article was not about homosexuality but about the citizens voting on the definition of marriage. Marriage is the cornerstone of our society.

Rondeau yielded the floor to Margaret Drye who spoke on the process of the bill changing marriage to include same sex marriage.

Richard Atkinson offered the following amendment and moved its adoption: Resolved that the town vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to send a letter to the Governor, our State Representatives, our State Senator, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate commending them for passing and signing into law legislation affirming marriage equality for all New Hampshire residents. Seconded by Leslie MacGregor.

A paper ballot was taken on the amendment.

**Yes     185     No     56**

It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.

A vote was taken on the amended article 13 by paper ballot.

Yes 185 No 40

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

At this point, the gavel was passed to assistant Moderator Paul Franklin and the meeting returned to Article 10.

#### **ARTICLE 10.**

John Yacavone offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That the town will vote to increase the real estate exemption on dormitories, dining rooms, and kitchens of Kimball Union Academy above the required \$150,000 as allowed in RSA 72:23, to one hundred (100) percent of the assessed value of property over which the town has statutory discretion. Seconded by Stephen Halleran.

**A paper ballot was taken.**

Yes 134 Not 59

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

#### **ARTICLE 11.**

Judy Belyea offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That the town direct the selectmen to appoint, within 60 days of town meeting, a committee to continue the KUA/Plainfield study. The charge to this committee shall be to meet with representatives of the KUA administration and maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, including any agreement pursuant to RSA 72:23, and to report its findings at next March's annual town meeting. Seconded by Stephen Halleran.

**A vote by voice was taken.**

**The ayes were unanimous.**

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

#### **ARTICLE 12.**

Thomas P. Williams Jr. offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That the town vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield voters to advise the Selectmen and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town. Seconded by Judy Belyea Williams said that the Finance Committee is a good sounding board and helps the town make good financial decisions.

**A voice vote was taken.**

**The ayes were unanimous.**

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

The gavel returned to Moderator Stephen Taylor.

**ARTICLE 14.**

Judy Belyea offered the following motion and moved its adoption:  
To see what action the town will take with respect to the reports of town officers.  
Seconded by Stephen Halleran.

**A voice vote was taken. The Ayes were unanimous.  
It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 15.**

Moderator Taylor asked that the town recognize Librarian Nancy Norwalk for her thirty years of service. A standing ovation was given.

Officers sworn in by moderator at end of meeting:

Judy Belyea	Selectwoman
Michelle Marsh	Town Clerk
Ruth Ann Wheeler	Tax Collector
Library Trustees	Anita Brown
	Mark Pensgen

Fred Sweet was sworn in as treasurer by Michelle Marsh on March 11, 2010.

Alan Ferguson moved to close the meeting at 2:55 p.m. seconded by George West.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ruth Ann Wheeler*  
Town Clerk

## **ONGOING AUTHORTIES**

### **Granted By Previous Annual Meetings**

Authority for the Selectboard to convey real estate acquired by tax collector's deed. RSA 80:80 Article 4 1995 town meeting

The Selectboard to apply for, accept, and expend without further action of the town unanticipated money from state, federal or governmental units. RSA 31:95-b Article 5 1995 town meeting.

The Selectboard to accept gifts of personal property, other than cash to the municipality for any public purpose. RSA 31:95-e. Article 6 1995 town meeting.

The Selectboard to accept, on behalf of the town, gifts, legacies and devices made to the town in trust for any public purpose. RSA 31:19. Article 7 1995 town meeting.

Library Trustees to apply for, accept, and expend without further action of the town unanticipated money from state, federal or governmental units. RSA 202-A:4-c Article 8 1995 town meeting.

The Selectboard to borrow funds , on behalf of the municipality, in anticipation of taxes. RSA 33:7 Article 9 1995 town meeting.

The Selectboard to accept the dedication of any street shown on a subdivision plan approved by the Planning Board. RSA 674:40 Article 10 1995

Library Trustees to accept gifts, legacies and devices made to the town in trust for any public purpose. RSA 202-A:4-d Article 15 2006 town meeting.

Selectboard to appoint a Treasurer to an annual term as allowed by RSA 41:26-e. Article 7 2010 Town Meeting.

Further the Selectboard is named agents to expend for eight funds:

- The Library Building Repair Fund created in 1992.

- The Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.

- Town Hall Repair Fund created in 1996.

- Town Revaluation Fund created in 1993, authority 2002.

- Town Building ADA Access Fund created in 2003, authority 2003.

- Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006, authority 2008

- Townsend Bridge Fund created in 2006, authority 2006.

- Town Beautification, Operation and Maintenance Fund created in 2008, authority 2008



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Cash on hand, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

Cash-checking	\$ 1,400,158
Cash-Investments	\$ 769,965
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,170,123</b>

Receipts/ transfers in during the fiscal year	\$5,669,428
<b>Total available</b>	<b>\$7,839,551</b>

Less selectmen's orders/transfers out	\$5,263,504
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### Cash On Hand, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010

	<b>\$2,576,047</b>
Cash-Checking	\$2,572,579
Cash-Investments	\$3,468

As the incoming Treasurer and a taxpayer of Plainfield I have would like to express my immense gratitude to Fred Sweet for his 53 years of dedication to the town as Treasurer. Only after becoming involved in this work can you truly appreciate the work that Fred did for so long. Thank you Fred!

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Sarah Governo*, Treasurer



Selectboard holding one of their "out reach meeting" at the Plainfield Library  
Photo S. Halleran

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS-March 2010

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive.....	\$ 163,325
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics.....	8,080
Financial Administration.....	62,100
Revaluation of Property .....	10,000
Legal Expense .....	10,100
Personnel Administration.....	10,950
Planning and Zoning .....	2,200
General Government Buildings.....	5,850
Cemeteries.....	28,000
Insurances.....	36,030
Advertising and Regional Expense .....	5,100

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department.....	283,439
Ambulance .....	30,000
Fire Protection.....	81,000
Emergency Management.....	250
Dispatch and Forest Fire Expense .....	24,900
Building Inspection .....	6,800

### HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES

Highways and Streets .....	615,200
Road Projects .....	109,539
Street Lights .....	9,000

### SANITATION

Garbage Collection.....	150,000
Solid Waste Disposal .....	52,110

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department .....	20,785
Pest Control.....	500

### WELFARE

Welfare Department .....	6,250
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### CULTURE AND RECREATION

Recreation Commission .....	18,925
Libraries .....	99,861
Patriotic .....	1,500
Conservation Commission .....	500

### DEBT SERVICE

Principal on Long-term debts .....	25,000
Interest on Long-term debts .....	8,250

**OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL..... \$1,885,544**

### OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Article 4 Transportation Improvement Fund.....	\$60,000
Article 4 Highway Vehicle Fund .....	50,000
Article 4 Highway Bridge Fund .....	0
Article 4 Revaluation Fund .....	15,000
Article 4 ADA Access Fund.....	5,000

**OPERATING TRANSFERS TO TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS**

Article 4 Town Hall Repair Fund.....	5,000
Article 4 Library Repair Fund.....	2,500

**CAPITAL PURCHASES**

Article 5 Highway Truck Purchase .....	\$131,000
Article 6. 250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration .....	3,500

<b>FUND CONTRIBUTIONS/CAPITAL OUTLAY TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$272,000</b>
<b>OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$1, 885,544</b>

<b>TOTAL TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATIONS .....</b>	<b>\$2,157,544</b>
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**Photo Melissa Longacre**

**2010 Turkey Trot  
Will Merchant was this year’s winner!!**



## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land, improved and unimproved .....	\$90,228,942
Buildings .....	190,136,800
Public Utilities.....	7,140,100
<b>Total value before exemptions .....</b>	<b>\$287,505,842</b>

Blind Exemption .....	0
Elderly Exemption .....	1,315,100
Total and Permanently Disabled Exemption .....	164,100
Solar Energy Exemption .....	127,500
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (town vote).....	7,132,798
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (state law).....	150,000
<b>Total exemptions allowed .....</b>	<b>\$8,889,498</b>

<b>Net value used for local tax rate.....</b>	<b>\$278,616,344</b>
<b>Net value used for state education rate .....</b>	<b>\$271,476,244</b>

Electric Utility Property detail	
Granite State Electric.....	\$2,051,400
New England Power Company .....	\$2,051,400
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative .....	\$1,453,800
Public Service of NH.....	\$1,004,000
TransCanada.....	\$10,200

## WAR SERVICE CREDITS

Total and Permanently Disabled Veterans .....	\$2,800
Standard Exemptions (\$150/veteran) .....	17,250
<b>Total war service credits.....</b>	<b>\$20,050</b>

## CURRENT USE REPORT

Land Categories	Acres
Farm Land .....	2,888
Forest Land.....	23,391
Unproductive Land.....	1,583
<b>Total acres in current use (includes conservation restrictions) .....</b>	<b>27,862</b>



TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriation		\$2,157,544
Total Revenues and Credits	less	1,020,374
Share Revenues	less	0
Overlay	add	20,000
War Service Credits	add	20,050
A) Net Town Appropriation	<b>Equals</b>	<b>\$1,777,220</b>
Net Local School Budget		5,442,191
Adequate Education Grant	less	794,931
State Education Taxes	less	629,231
B) Approved Local School Assessment	<b>Equals</b>	<b>4,018,029</b>
C) Approved State Education Assessment	<b>Equals</b>	<b>629,231</b>
D) Approved County Tax Assessment	<b>Equals</b>	<b>776,138</b>
Total Town, School, and County (a+b+c+d)	<b>Equals</b>	<b>\$6,600,618</b>

TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Property Taxes to be Raised	\$6,600,618
Less War Service Credits	20,050
Total Property Taxes to be Raised	<b>\$6,580,568</b>

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior year tax rate	Approved year tax rate
Town	4.24	4.22
County	2.79	2.79
Local School	12.78	14.42
State School	2.19	2.32
Combined tax rate	<b>\$22.00</b>	<b>\$23.75</b>
Net value on which local tax rates are computed	\$276,170,311	\$278,616,344
Net value on which state tax rate is computed	\$269,133,911	\$271,476,244

## TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES

### CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Community Baptist Church& parsonage .....	\$635,200
First Baptist Church& parsonage .....	405,000
Meriden Congregational Church& parsonage.....	1,093,500
Connecticut Valley Christ Community Church .....	2,871,000

### EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Kimball Union Academy (state law educational prop) .....	24,564,400
Kimball Union Academy (state law dorm, kitchen, dining prop) .....	150,000
Kimball Union Academy (town vote) .....	7,132,798

### CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Grafton Pond Trust.....	308,700
New England Wildflower Association.....	241,200
Plainfield Historical Society.....	157,200
Singing Hills Conference Facility .....	2,152,600

### PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

The Nature Conservancy .....	51,400
Meriden Volunteer Fire Department .....	243,400
Meriden Village Water and Sewer District. ....	820,100
Plainfield Village Water District.....	441,000
Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department .....	286,500

### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Land on Stage Road .....	2,300
Land on River Road (multiple parcels) .....	68,400
Duncan State Forest .....	348,900

### GRANGES

Blow-Me-Down Grange.....	403,500
Meriden Grange .....	195,700

### LAND OWNED BY OTHER TOWNS

Cornish.....	7,500
Grantham.....	49,600

<b>TOTAL EXEMPT PROPERTIES .....</b>	<b>\$42,629,898</b>
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## SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND AND BUILDINGS

### DESCRIPTION and VALUATION

Town Hall -Plainfield .....	\$ 321,400
-Meriden(includes Police Dept.) .....	474,800
Libraries -Plainfield.....	1,102,800
-Meriden.....	278,800
Highway Garage.....	290,500
Plainfield Elementary School.....	3,571,700
Burnaps Island.....	53,700

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND AND BUILDINGS (continued)

Dump Lot .....	47,400
Gravel Pit .....	223,700
Spencer Lot .....	287,500
Whitaker Road Intersections .....	10,400
Tallow Hill Intersection.....	32,700
French's Ledges .....	68,800
Benson Donation .....	157,600
Stage Road Ball Field.....	227,900
Thompson Donation (Moulton Cemetery) .....	47,600
Farnum Lot .....	112,200
Town Pound .....	9,900
School Street Land .....	75,000
Willow Brook Land #766.....	65,400
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$7,459,800</b>



Granite watering trough being returned to Old County Road, Norm Longacre and Guy Daniels setting the stone.

Photo S. Halleran



## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – 2010

The state slowly continues to give us more authority here in the clerk's office. We are currently looking into becoming an online boat agent. If we get the approval, it will save you from making a trip to Claremont. We will pass along more information as we receive it. Please call anytime for motor vehicle questions, a quick call often helps you know what paperwork to bring so we can better serve you.

Following the 15 year rule, all 1996 model year vehicles and older are now title exempt.

The electronic deposit banking system is working well and this year we will again look into a way for us to begin accepting debit cards. For now it is still check or cash only.

It's time once again for renewing dog licenses. Did you know that Plainfield licensed 664 dogs in 2010? That is a lot of rabies shots to keep track of! If you have a dog and you haven't already renewed, please make sure you do so before the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of you for your support and patience while I continue to learn how to best wear all of the hats my new job requires. It is truly my pleasure to serve you.

*Michelle Marsh*

Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR- 2010

The list of outstanding taxes has increased this year by approximately 6.5 percent. This list reflects the continued economic situation in the Upper Valley and the struggles to keep up with the increases in taxes.

Overall payments have been consistent with previous years but the payments appear to be coming from more varied sources of funds. For those with mortgage escrow funds, the mortgage company pays the taxes and increases the amount of escrow payments.

As stated in the past, if you cannot make a full payment, pay what you can. Interest is calculated to the date of payment. Interest on subsequent payments will be on the balance only.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ruth Ann Wheeler*

Tax Collector

# TAX COLLECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010

## -Debits-

### Uncollected Taxes

Beginning of fiscal year	2010	2009
Property taxes		\$336,094
Timber yield tax		\$201
Land use change tax		\$0
Excavations		\$0
Prior year's credit balances	(\$2,750)	
This year's new credits	(\$5,222)	

### Taxes Committed to Collector

Property taxes	\$6,580,824
Land use change taxes	\$4,250
Yield taxes	\$13,652
Excavation activities	\$45

### Overpayments

Property taxes	\$4,057	
Interest collected on delinquent taxes	\$4,606	\$20,205

### TOTAL DEBITS

**\$6,599,462      \$356,500**

## -Credits-

### Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year

Property taxes	\$6,221,476	\$194,864
Land use changes taxes	\$3,039	\$0
Excavation	\$45	\$0
Timber yield taxes	\$11,985	\$201
Interest on taxes	\$4,606	\$20,205
Converted to liens (principal only)	0	\$141,230
Prior year overpayments assigned	(\$2,118)	

### Abatements Granted During Fiscal Year

Property taxes	\$53
Land Use Change	\$61
Current Levy Deeded	\$4

### Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year

Property taxes	\$359,291
Timber Yield Tax	1,667
Land Use Change Tax	1,150
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$1,797)

### TOTAL CREDITS

**\$6,599,462      \$356,500**

**TAX COLLECTOR'S LIEN REPORT**  
**December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010**

	-Debits-		
<b>Unredeemed Liens</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007+</b>
Beginning of year	\$0	\$111,036	\$71,291
New liens	\$152,591		
Interests/Penalties	\$5,123	\$12,520	\$18,850
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$157,714</b>	<b>\$123,556</b>	<b>\$90,141</b>

	-Credits-		
<b>Remittance to Treasurer</b>			
Redemptions	\$50,031	\$40,147	\$54,020
Interest/Penalties	\$5,123	\$12,520	\$18,850
Liens deeded to municipality	\$19	\$20	\$19
Unredeemed liens	\$102,541	\$70,869	\$17,252
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$157,714</b>	<b>\$123,556</b>	<b>\$90,141</b>

**REPORT OF WOOD OR TIMEBER CUT**  
**Year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

Total reports filed .....	21
Total yield tax assessed .....	\$14,925
Softwood cut, MBF .....	820
Hardwood cut, MBF .....	173
Cordwood cut, cords.....	315
Pulpwood/chips, tons.....	1,701
Pulpwood, cords .....	21
Whole tree chips, tons .....	9,830

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Judith A. Belyea,*  
Yield Tax Agent



## SELECTBOARD REPORT - 2010

2010 was a productive year for the Plainfield Selectboard. We are pleased to report that the town is well positioned and on solid fiscal ground. The national and regional economic outlook continue to shape our policy and budgeting, as it does for many residents. Our well-respected town employees continue to provide services in an upbeat and efficient manner. We would like to thank them as well as all those who serve in the various volunteer capacities that make Plainfield work. Listed below are some of our work areas and highlights from the calendar year 2010.

- After serving some 25 years, our well-respected and most trusted police chief, Gordon Gillens, decided to call it a career and retire. On behalf of the entire town of Plainfield the Selectboard wishes to thank Chief Gillens for his service to our community. A special event was held in his honor in June and was well attended by the community. It truly was a special day for Gordon and his family as well as for the town.

- The Selectboard formed a committee made up of well qualified residents to work on finding a new chief. After much discussion it was decided that we first consider an internal candidate. Plainfield was lucky to have on its staff a highly qualified candidate in Cpl. Paul Roberts. He expressed interest and aptitude and a great knowledge of the inner workings of the Plainfield Police Department. The committee was unanimous in recommending Cpl. Roberts for Chief. He accepted the promotion and has been serving as the police chief since June, 2010.

- Officer Tony Swett was promoted to full-time status within the department to fill the third full-time position. This required the town to send him through the NH full-time police officer academy, which he graduated from with distinction.

- Sargent Larry Dore was promoted to Deputy Chief at the same time as the other promotions within the department. This is reflective of Mr. Dore's merit and service to Plainfield. The town is privileged to have such a professional, dedicated and hard working police department.

- Willow Brook Road-Phase 2 of this project was completed this year. This consisted of major upgrades to a section of road (approximately 2 miles) closest to the Lebanon line. This work included culverts and drainage, base paving, retaining wall construction, erosion control and surface paving. In Phase 1 we used Morrill Construction to complete work from the covered bridge to the Baptist pool. In phase 2 most of this work was performed by our own highway department, thus significant savings were

achieved. Our Road Agent and his staff are to be commended for their hard work on this project.

- Willow Brook Road-Phase 3 of this project got a significant boost through an award of a \$490,000 EPA “Hazard Mitigation” Grant. This will significantly help with the cost of the final repairs to this well-traveled road (1000+ vehicle trips per day). The Selectboard specifically wishes to recognize, Steve Halleran, our town administrator, for his work in securing grants for both Phase 1 and Phase 3. His work has helped us get nearly \$700,000 of federal support for Willow Brook Road.

- After 52+ years, Town Treas. Fred Sweet retired in 2010. On behalf of the town we wish to thank Fred, for his service to Plainfield. It truly has been a privilege to have Fred managing the town checkbook. Plainfield runs about as well as any in the state of New Hampshire, largely to the diligence of Fred Sweet. We wish Fred well in his retirement and also wish to welcome Sarah Brooks-Gaverno as our new town treasurer.

- Plainfield’s soon to be “unified library system” took a large step forward in 2010, after overwhelming approval from Town Meeting. The Selectboard met with both the Meriden and Plainfield (Philip Reed Memorial) Library trustees and discussed the plan of action to accomplish this by the next town meeting. A five-member board of trustees will now be elected to govern both libraries simultaneously.

- We were pleased to present the “Boston Post Cane” to Clara Perry of Dodge Road. It truly was one of the great privileges of the Selectboard’s year to bestow this honor to Plainfield’s oldest resident. Members of her family were present as Clara was given her ceremonial cane.

- The historic granite watering trough that once belonged to Mr. Daniels on Old County Road ground was returned to the town. Through a series of events and with the help of many, we are pleased to report that the monument/relic of Plainfield’s agricultural past is back and will be in use and on display this summer. The Selectboard is certain that old Mr. Daniels, who originally used the trough for his livestock in the 1800s, would be pleased.

As always the board would like to invite the participation of residents and taxpayers to both our annual town meeting and bimonthly meetings. The town office is open for business daily and welcomes your input. Our meetings are on the first and third Wednesdays of the month beginning at 6 PM. Anyone wishing to be active in any



volunteer capacity serving the town is encouraged to meet with us.

See you at Town Meeting,

*Tom Williams Jr , Rob Taylor, Judy Belyea,*



**Cow Patty Bingo Winners Amy and Darrell Beaupre with Benjamin Taylor and his calf Mocha Latte who provided the winning chip!**

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

As directed by the Selectboard in addition to the routine duties associated with the operation of our local government the town office worked on the following projects during 2010:

**Brook Road:** Our nationally competitive FEMA grant application was rejected; however, our state grant was awarded \$490,000 for work on Willow Brook Road. This award added to the 2008 one totals \$660,000 that has come to Plainfield for work on the Brook Road.

**Police Chief:** Working with a committee of residents established by the Selectboard, Paul Roberts was hired from within the ranks of our existing department to replace outgoing Police Chief Gordon Gillens.



Daniels Stone watering trough that was removed from the Lebanon/Plainfield line in the 1960's. The loss of the tub was extensively covered by the Valley News. The trough is now on land of Mary Ann Palmer and we have an agreement in place that makes it clear that the Town of Plainfield owns the watering trough.

**Outreach Program:** The Selectboard continued this popular project in 2010, meeting with several of our local businesses. Discussions at these information sessions typically center on the topics of regulation, taxation and municipal services.

**Plainfield Town/Meriden Town Halls:** Both of these highly valued town buildings received some needed carpentry and painting in 2010. The town hall repair fund was used to fund this work.

**Tax Sale:** We were able to return to the tax roles a 5.0 acre parcel that was acquired by the town for taxes. This Route 12A property was purchased by an abutter with the proceeds being used settle the tax debt of the previous owner.

**Walker Easement:** Working with the State of New Hampshire and our local Conservation Commission a revised access way for the one remaining house site on what was formerly the Walker Farm has been worked out. The new access way runs along the edge of the existing field about 100' east of the original location.

**Boston Post Cane:** The town was proud to carry on the tradition of awarding the Boston Post Cane to our oldest resident. On November 3<sup>rd</sup> the honor was passed to Clara Perry of Dodge Road.

Submitted,  
  
*Stephen Halleran*  
Town Administrator

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Zoning Administrator: Stephen Halleran                      469-3201  
Building Inspector:     David Lersch                              381-1929

**Permits for the following projects were issued in 2010:**

5	New single family residences	10	Renewals
1	Replacement furnace	5	Commercial projects
1	Garages	6	Electrical upgrades
19	Renovations/Misc.	6	Additions
6	Decks/porches	13	Barns/Sheds/Outbuildings
7	Solar panels	2	Accessory apartments

**Permit total= 81**

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

During the year the board **DENIED** the following requests:

**Case 2009-06 Alma Gilbert-Smith:** Parrish House Museum at 58 Freeman Road.

During the year the zoning board **GRANTED** the following appeals:

**Case 2010-01 Alma Gilbert-Smith:** Parrish House Museum at 58 Freeman Road as amended from case 2009-06 which was denied.

**Case 2010-02 Kimball Union Academy:** Field house to be located adjacent to the Hockey Rink on Campus Center Way.

Submitted,

*Richard Colburn*, Chair Zoning Board

## PLANNING BOARD

During the year the planning board approved the following applications:

### **Annexations:**

Swigert, Paul	13 acres to land of Joe Bretton/Evelyn Flemming
Hudson, Shirley	16 acres between two lots owned by the applicant.
Townsend Trust	.58 acres to Andrea and Rangi Keen

### **Site Plan Reviews:**

Kimball Union Academy	Field House, Center Campus Way.
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During the year the Planning Board continued its work on updating the town's master plan. The new plan will be entirely website based and should be completed in early 2011.

Submitted,

*Jane Stephenson*, Chair Planning Board

## REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION DECEMBER 2010

### **Plainfield Cider Orchard, Black Hill Road**

The following information has been reprinted (in part) from the Upper Valley Land Trust website [www.UVLT.org](http://www.UVLT.org).

The Plainfield Cider Orchard has been protected through a conservation easement purchased from landowners Steve Wood and J. Peter Williamson in a bargain sale, with support from the New Hampshire Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), the Plainfield Conservation Commission

and other members of the community. The easement is held by Upper Valley Land Trust. The Plainfield Cider Orchard property contributes 447 acres to an unfragmented 3,440-acre forest block in the northern part of Plainfield. Land already conserved in this block is Morgan Hill, Hawkride Farm and Mud Pond. This property provides habitat and important wildlife corridors for many species, including the moose, black bear, whippoorwill, hognose snake, and silver-haired bat. More than 200 acres of the Plainfield Cider Orchard have been identified by the New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan as a forest community type that is of conservation concern in the state.

In addition to protecting important wildlife habitat, the project protects a productive apple orchard that serves the nationally-recognized Farnum Hill Ciders. Steve Wood and Peter Williamson purchased this property in 1998 as partners in the Plainfield Cider Orchards, LLC. Since then, they have planted more than 3,000 apple trees, many of which are rare and heirloom varieties specific to the production of the high-quality traditional ciders made by Farnum Hill Ciders.

While the public benefits from the scenic views, wildlife habitat and a productive apple orchard, this conservation easement also ensures that the property will always be available for public recreational enjoyment. The community has historically enjoyed recreating on the Plainfield Cider Orchard property, especially along the discontinued Black Hill Road. Once a primary route between the Connecticut River and Lebanon to Meriden village, it was thrown up by the town of Plainfield in the mid-1900s. The easement allows for low-impact, non-motorized recreation such as hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing along this historic route, as well as in other parts of the property. Mr. Wood also welcomes hunters, but requests that they receive prior permission, ensuring the safety of owners, workers and visitors, particularly in areas near the orchard and the trails.

### **Walker Farm Easement, Sanborn Road**

The conserved property known as the Walker Farm will have a house built on the 2-acre, reserved house site in the forest just above the open field. The Town of Plainfield monitors this conserved land. The family that now owns the 104 acres continues to welcome the public's use of the trail up to French's Ledges as well as the more general uses allowed by the easement. The Conservation Commission assisted the new owners of the property by requesting an amendment to the Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP) easement which allowed the original driveway location to be altered. The new location benefits the owners and minimizes the environmental impact on the conserved field and forest land. After a brief exchange with the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning (another conservation partner), the driveway amendment was adopted.



### **Southworth Wetland Violations, Penniman Road**

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) has placed a stop-work order regarding the excavation of the wetlands on Penniman Road. Suggestions by the Conservation Commission were ignored and the NH DES has taken over the monitoring of this property.

### **Corbin Park Perambulation**

Representatives from the Select Boards and Conservation Commissions of Plainfield and Grantham must periodically walk the boundary line between the two towns. During this walk within Corbin Park this year, the town officials validated the existence of the boundaries.

### **Home Hill Trail, Route 12A**

The Conservation Commission has worked with the landowner of this trail and trailhead to create a workable parking site and self-explanatory signage for the public to responsibly enjoy this beautiful trail.

### **Commission Membership**

The Conservation Commission has enjoyed the service and expertise of many of Plainfield's citizens. This year several of the long-term membership chose to retire. Our town appreciates the multi-year service of Muffy Gibson and Jeff Marsh. Jeff, though retired, has graciously agreed to assist the commission when forest and logging issues are discussed. Another long-time commission member has stepped down from the chairmanship of the commission—David Grobe has agreed to remain as a “non-chairman” member of the commission.

New members have joined the commission. Much appreciation for beginning your work in this important area of town government: Anne Donaghy, George Sandmann and David Taylor. Plainfield's beautiful fields and forest benefit from the continuing dedication of Judy Hallam and Judy Ptak. The town benefits from this wonderful team.

### **Comission Website**

With the help of Plainfield resident, Mike Sutherland, the Conservation Commission is in the process of building and expanding its website. The commission's goal is to provide easy access to information about hiking trail access, invasive plant control, regulations and permitting, conservation easement value and process, etc. Take a look at the site on [www.plainfieldnh.org](http://www.plainfieldnh.org)

Respectfully Submitted,

*Myra Ferguson*, Chair  
Conservation Commission  
[pcc@plainfieldnh.org](mailto:pcc@plainfieldnh.org)



**Plainfield Cider Orchard Black Hill Road**

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUNDS YEAR END BALANCES**

<b>Forestry Maintenance Fund</b>	01/01/10	Beg. Balance	\$18,697
Interest		\$39	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>12/31/10</b>		<b>\$18,736</b>
		Income	Expenses
<b>Conservation Commission Fund</b>	01/01/10	Beg. Bal.	\$126,396
Revenues/Interest earned		\$5,388	
Projects			\$76,430
(Home Hill Trail, Kiosks, Cider Orchard donation)			
<b>Balance</b>	<b>12/31/10</b>		<b>\$ 55,354</b>





Memorial Day placing of a wreath at the Town's Service Memorial  
Photo: S. Halleran

## RECREATION COMMISSION

We finished the 2009-2010 basketball season in February with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade group of 13 students learning basic skills on Saturday mornings at the KUA gym. This group was well coached by Don Parsons and Doug Adams. We had 9  $\frac{3}{4}$  girls coached by Glen Greenough along with Chuck Chamley and Mindy Taber as well as 9 third and fourth grade boys coached by Rob Johnstone and Todd Balise who practiced and played several games with local towns during the season and finished up with the Hanover Tournament. Practices were held at KUA and PES and home games were held at the PES.

In the spring we started our  $\frac{3}{4}$  boys baseball group with a large group of 18. This team was coached by Terry Donoghue, George Sandman, Rob Taylor, and Rob Johnstone. Our  $\frac{3}{4}$  Softball team had 13 participants and was coached by Doug Beaupre, Tom Jones, and Tim Ball. These two teams practiced through the spring at Hewes Field and played teams from area towns. Home games were played on Prescott Field.

We ran our T-ball during late spring and early summer. We had 31 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders making up 3 teams and an additional 14 participants to make up our farm team. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders practiced skills and played games among the 3 teams. The Farm Team worked on basic skills of throwing, catching, batting, and rules of the game. These teams practiced and played on Hewes Field and Cory Taber Field. They were coached by Tim Cloud, Clara McNamara, Bob Hyjek, Terry Donoghue, Heather Brasseur, Mert Hastings, Raylene Lamadeleine, and Randy Budner.

Our annual fishing Derby was held on June 5<sup>th</sup> in Blood Brook behind the Meriden Deli. Trophies for first, second, and third place in each of the four age groups were handed out. Hot dogs were cooked on the grill for the kids to enjoy with drinks and



chips as well as ice cream cones handed out from the Meriden Deli. We had 71 kids participate in the event and the big catch of the day was made by Noah Forman with his 12" trout. Sadly missed was Gardiner MacLeay who passed away this past year but has been a part of our derby for a very long time. A huge thank you to our many volunteers, some new and some who have been with us for many years. Those volunteers made up of Marty Morgan, John McNamara, Pam Lewis, Joanne Morgan, Jen Davis, Terry McNamara, Kim Smith, Clint Hurd, Bill Schlosser and Lester Boucier. Thank you for donations from The Meriden Deli, Hy On A Hill Trout Farm, N.H. Fish and Game, Coca Cola Company, and Bill Kennett.

Our Tennis numbers were down this year with 12 participants instructed by Amanda Hawkins and Max King. These lessons were held for six weeks at the KUA Tennis courts. Our hope is to grow this program and will look at ways to help increase the participation in this sport. It is a sport that helps the hand eye coordination and quick movements and thinking that can be beneficial in other sports. It can be enjoyed for many years into your adult life and is a lot of fun.

The Soccer program in the fall included the  $\frac{3}{4}$  boys team made up of 20 boys and coached by Thom Lappin, Mark Bean, and Rob Taylor. The  $\frac{3}{4}$  girls team was made up of 20 girls and was coached by Brian Garfield, Don Parsons, and Mindy Taber. These two teams played other area recreation teams and practiced and played home games on Hewes Field. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade had three teams made up of 32 players. They were coached by Mindy Taber, Breck Taber, Josh Longacre, Brian Garfield, RobHewett, Doug Adams, and Kate Whybrow . These teams practiced basic skill and played games with each other at the Cory Taber Field. We had an additional 11 kids that participated in the kindergarten group coached by Brian Garfield, Stephenie Smarsik, and George Sandmann This group worked on basic skills at the Cory Taber Field.

The 2010-2011 basketball season got off to a slow start with the limited amount of court time available due to some changes this year. Some adjustments have been made and we are currently looking at other options to prevent this issue in the future. Practices were very limited before games started for the  $\frac{3}{4}$  grade boys and girls. Brandon Feid reviewed gym time at PES and got us time to get some practices in. Home games for these groups against other area recreation teams are also being played at the PES gym. The  $\frac{3}{4}$  boys have 7 boys coached by Thom Lappin, Chuck Chamley, and Todd Balise. The  $\frac{3}{4}$  girls have 10 girls and are coached by Don Parsons and Mindy Taber. The  $\frac{1}{2}$  grade group working on basic skills at the KUA gym on Saturday mornings has 11 participants and is coached by Doug Adams and Elizabeth Ellingson.

As we move forward I encourage you to take an active role where possible. Participating in your childs youth activities are both fun and rewarding. One of our challenges will be to continue to have the sign-up numbers in these programs as enrollment at the school declines. We will be creative in the program to meet the needs of our children. I welcome your suggestions and questions.

I would like to thank the Plainfield School and Kimball Union Academy for the use of their facilities. Thank you to Meriden Deli, Hy On A Hill Trout Farm, and Keene Medical for your donations. A huge thank you to all our coaches, officials, and individuals who have donated there time for the youth in our community and made this program successful. I look forward to the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Daniel P. Cantlin ,*  
Recreation Director

## PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### Trustees Report – Calendar Year 2010

The staff and the volunteers at the Philip Read Memorial Library have had a busy year. Thanks to their hard work, circulation and patron use has increased steadily. The library hosted more meetings and programs and welcomed over 100 new library card holders. Computer use by patrons is very popular.

Our regular programming such as children's story time continues to be a very important part of the life of the library. Diane Rogers is the main reader and shares her storytelling gifts every month. We again had a special story hour in December--Santa came to visit and read. Pictures were taken of the children and Santa. The summer reading program "Make a Splash--Read" was very successful with programs led by Diane MacDonald, Katy Sheehan, Sarah Gillens and Bernadina Webber; programs were: building a boat, a visit from Fred the duck, frogs and turtles, and rain. Children's book author/illustrator and former Plainfield resident D.B. Johnson read his new book Palazzo Inverso and drew for the children. Although Halloween was on a Sunday night this year, the library trustees at the suggestion of the library director decided again to make a special effort to be open for Trick or Treaters. We had over 180 visitors and gave out treat bags and paperback books.

Among the many special programs held this past year were children's theater performances during the summer at the Plainfield Town Hall (8 plays); a Russian nesting doll/painting workshop and a preview performance of "Clara's Dream" by City Center Ballet. We held a program and reading challenge on penguins in collaboration with Northern Stage and their production of "Mr. Popper's Penguins." The Library took part in the annual National Gaming Day sponsored by the American Library Association. As a result of our participation in this event, we now have weekly card games for children, with a core group who meet almost every week.

The library serves as the meeting spot for many community organizations. Currently the Plainfield Water District, the Plainfield Energy Committee, the Plainfield 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee meet regularly and homeschoolers, the Town Safety Committee, the Plainfield Historical Society and town selectmen also used the meeting space. The library was a testing and training site for U.S. Census jobs. The space is also used by high school tutors and their students.

We sponsored a number of community service activities such as the clean-up of Rt. 12A through the Adopt-A-Highway Program, collected food for the Plainfield Food Pantry, and served as a collection site for the "Toys for Tots" program. We participated in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. The theme was "American Summers." The Plainfield and Meriden Libraries' float, "Country Fair," won first prize. We would especially like to thank Dan Falcone for serving as our entertaining master of ceremonies!

Staff development is an important ingredient to keeping our library current. To that end the library director, Nancy Norwalk, attended a number of conferences and workshops such as the bi-monthly Librarians of the Upper Valley (LUV) meetings, workshops on Downloadable Audio and E-Books; a conference in New London on "Library Service in a Recession," the Small Libraries Summit in Concord, the fall Children's Literacy Foundation Conference in White River, and the Annual Convention of the American Library Association—for the first time—in Washington, DC. The Philip



Read Memorial Library trustees and a member of the Friends of the Library attended the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association's annual meeting in Portsmouth.

The Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library continued their fundraising efforts on behalf of the library. The main fundraising events were the Annual Book and Bake Sale; the Maxfield Parrish Vintage Print Sale (jointly with the Stage Set Committee); sales of Maxfield Parrish items, and a dance sponsored by Randy Budner and his band—Loose Cannons. The Friends of the Library are always willing to assist us and new members are welcome.

Nancy Norwalk secured a grant from the Tasker Covered Bridge Fund to purchase a digital projector for the future community meeting room.

The morning hours continue to be successful. Other services available at the library are WiFi, Internet, public computers, passes to the Currier Art Museum (Manchester) and the Windsor Precision Museum, trash and landfill stickers available for purchase, Fax, copier, interlibrary loan, downloadable audio and e-books, and "Kill a Watt Energy Detectors" available for loan. We are always looking for ideas for items to be displayed in our exhibit case each month. If you have ideas or any collections, please contact Nancy Norwalk.

We rely heavily on our volunteers who put in approximately 48 hours each month. George Adams and Teagan Atwater continue to work together to improve our webpage. The trustees treated our volunteers to an appreciation lunch barbeque, with music provided by Bill and Michael Gareau. A book storage shed was constructed by the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center to provide storage space. Trustee Dennis Girouard built a new library sign to better advertise library hours and coming events.

We have begun the next phase of construction--the basement level which will hold a much needed community meeting room, a local history research room, junior and teen rooms. Our goal in this phase is to have at least the community meeting room available for use in the near future. As promised, the Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library have been raising the funds to finish this work and we will not ask for tax dollars. Contributions are welcome to the general building fund as well as to "The Alice P. Hendrick Memorial Children's Room."

The trustees of both libraries continued to hold joint meetings alternately at each library. In addition to our ongoing joint programs, we began some preliminary discussions for our upcoming board merger.

The trustees and library director are very thankful for all the help given to make the library so vibrant. Thank you to the many residents, who donated books, tapes, videos and magazines, as well as other needed items. We are ever grateful to our volunteers and to the community for your support.

Submitted by Trustees: *Anita K. Brown, Dennis Girouard, Bernadina Webber*



## PHILIP READ LIBRARY PROPOSED BUDGET

	Budget 2010	Actual 2010	Proposed 2011
<b>Opening balance 1/1/11</b>			
Checking account	\$442	\$442	\$1,291
Encumbered purchases	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Subtotal	\$3,442	\$3,442	\$1,291
<b>Income:</b>			
Town appropriation	\$59,609	\$59,608	\$63,557
Trust fund income	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$2,700
Fines and damaged books	\$500	\$0	\$100
Gifts	\$100	\$38	\$50
Books sales	\$725	\$781	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$402	\$0
Plainfield Food Pantry	\$0	\$500	\$0
Income	\$64,134	\$64,529	\$66,407
Total	\$67,575	\$67,971	\$67,698
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Salaries	\$31,356	\$32,172	\$33,632
Payroll Liabilities	\$2,399	\$2,461	\$2,624
Library materials	\$7,830	\$7,517	\$7,987
Audio-visual materials	\$1,360	\$1,103	\$1,387
Supplies	\$1,600	\$1,201	\$1,500
Postage	\$250	\$210	\$250
Cataloging Services	\$1,600	\$1,315	\$1,800
Computer			
Hardware/Services	\$0	\$0	\$500
Professional activities	\$2,675	\$2,717	\$1,000
Programs	\$600	\$237	\$600
Electricity	\$3,435	\$3,001	\$3,435
Telephone	\$1,080	\$1,042	\$1,080
Fuel	\$5,400	\$4,532	\$5,400
Water	\$290	\$270	\$290
Maintenance	\$2,700	\$2,718	\$3,000
Elevator	\$1,200	\$1,615	\$1,600
Miscellaneous	\$300	\$707	\$200
Transfer for Food Pantry	\$0	\$500	\$0
Furnishings & equipment	\$500	\$370	\$750
Transfer to sick pay	\$0	\$0	\$664
Encumbered funds	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Expenses	\$67,575	\$66,689	\$67,698



D.B. Johnson, children's author/illustrator and former Plainfield resident, presents his new book, Palazzo Inverso, at the Philip Read Memorial Library. Photo: N. Norwalk



"Make a Splash—Read" was the theme of the summer reading program at the Philip Read Memorial Library. Participants floating the paper boats they made. Photo N. Norwalk





## MERIDEN LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2010

2010 was another year of change and progress for the Meriden Library. With the retirement of Jeanne Thompson in March, the trustees named Mary King as the new director. A Long Range Planning Committee was formed and began the work of developing a survey that would allow residents the opportunity to provide input for future goals for the Meriden Library. In early spring the survey was distributed to residents of Meriden and Plainfield with 131 completed surveys returned. In response to the feedback received by residents, the trustees of the Meriden Library moved forward with changes to improve service.

The first weekly Story Time for young children began in May. Every Thursday morning at 9:30 children and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, songs and art. Our story time is the only on-going programming available for young children in the area. Hours of service were extended this year to include more evening hours and to make the closing times consistent. Beginning in September, three hours were added making the total weekly hours 24. The library is now open **Monday 1-7pm, Tuesday 1-7 pm, Thursday 10am-7pm and Saturday 9am- 12noon.**

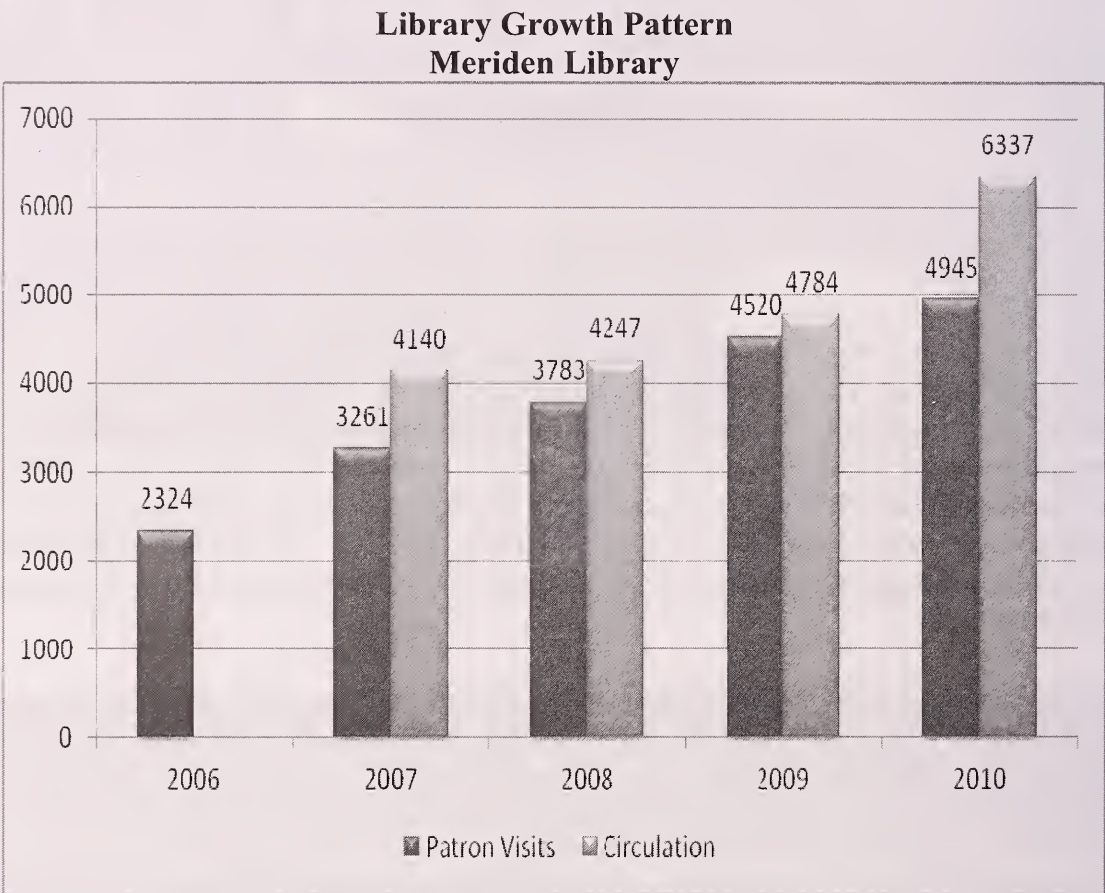
The library holds a permanent collection of more than 10,000 books, recorded books and DVDs. Our collection features current books as well as classics titles for adults in both fiction and non-fiction. For children, picture books and the fiction collection include many new titles as well as childhood favorites. The children's non-fiction section contains many topics including arts and crafts, biography, history and science. This year we applied for and received a grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) which awarded our library more than 125 children's books and audio books. Duncan McDougall, the executive director of CLiF, presented these brand new materials at an event held at the Plainfield Elementary School in November.

A very important goal of the Meriden Library is to include more technology in the operation of the library. Towards that goal a web site is being developed. Work continues on the process to automate the library. All holdings are being cataloged with the state library so that electronic records will be available when we move to an integrated library system. What does that mean for you our patrons? All of our holdings



will be on an electronic catalog that you will be able to access through our website; either in the library or at home. You will be able search for a book, place holds on an item or renew items that you have checked out.

Again this year library use continued to grow. The number of both patron visits and circulation has once more surpassed previous years. As shown in the graph below the number of patron visits at the Meriden Library has doubled in the past five years. Circulation of library materials increased by more than 30% from the previous year.



Circulation Not Reported for 2006

Many programs were held throughout the year for both adults and children. Our library participated in a state-wide Big Read Program that centered on *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. There are two adult book groups that meet regularly at the library. The Genealogy Club, supported by library assistant Lori Estey, meets monthly. We welcomed children to participate in the 2010 Summer Reading program and offered 5 weekly afternoon programs around the theme, **Make a Splash-Read**. In addition to the afternoon summer programs, we hosted three evening “PJ” Story Times. Also new this year, two Family Crafts Nights, fun evenings for families to join us to create decorations for Halloween and the winter holidays.

We continue to participate in services offered through the state library and our regional library cooperative, Librarians of the Upper Valley. Through the state wide interlibrary loan program we are able to borrow materials for our patrons that are not available at the Meriden Library. As a member of The New Hampshire Downloadable Book consortium we offer downloadable audio books and, new this year, e-books to our patrons. A

rotating video collection offers new DVDs to our patrons on a bi-monthly basis. These are very popular offerings at the Meriden Library.

So much of what was accomplished this year would not have happened without the work of some loyal volunteers. Judy Durant contributed numerous hours as our bookkeeper. Barb Wendt has worked diligently to catalog books. Amy Fraser created our beautiful new logo. Mike and Mary Lou Sutherland have committed their time and effort to make a web site possible. Rachael Stoddard, Jane Witzel and Muffy Gibson led the efforts to form a garden committee which held a spring plant sale and created garden spaces at the library. We are very grateful to them and all the other dedicated volunteers who gave their time this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Leeli Bonney Pam , Mark Pensgen, Kara Toms*  
Meriden Library Trustees



**Halloween Fun at the Meriden Library**

**Photo M. King**



# MERIDEN LIBRARY PROPOSED BUDGET

		2011 Budget	
<u>Income</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Zero Base Option</u>	<u>Recommended Option</u>
Town Appropriation	\$37,788	\$38,425	\$39,896
Town Approp-FICA	\$2,465	\$1,921	\$2,026
Trust Funds	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
Gifts	\$0		\$0
Book Fines	\$100	\$100	\$100
Book Sales	\$200	\$200	\$200
Copier Income			\$0
Interest-Savings	\$100	\$25	\$25
Interest-Checking			\$0
Building Fund			\$0
Miscellaneous			\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,753</b>	<b>\$41,771</b>	<b>\$43,346</b>
<u>Expenses</u>			
Salaries	\$24,648	\$25,110	\$26,481
FICA	\$2,465	\$1,921	\$2,026
Library Materials	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Telephone	\$540	\$540	\$540
Electricity	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Fuel	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Water	\$500	\$500	\$500
Supplies	\$700	\$800	\$800
Postage	\$300	\$300	\$300
Professional Acitivities	\$400	\$300	\$300
Programming	\$200	\$400	\$400
Maintenance	\$2,000	\$1,400	\$1,400
Automation	\$0	\$500	\$600
Computer	\$500	\$500	\$500
Buildling Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,753</b>	<b>\$41,771</b>	<b>\$43,346</b>
Percent Change		0%	4%



## REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT 2010

First I would like to thank the Officers of the Department for their commitment and dedication to their chosen profession. I would like to congratulate Anthony Swett for his completion of the 152<sup>nd</sup> Police Academy and receiving the most improved recruit for his class. Matthew Agan completed the 258<sup>th</sup> Part-Time Police Academy and he now joins the department. Lawrence Dore received a promotion from Master Sergeant to Deputy Chief.

I would also like to congratulate Gordon Gillens with his retirement after 25 years of dedicated service to the Town of Plainfield. Gordon truly deserves a job well done. Gordon clearly navigated the department through rough times and never lost his vision and devotion to service. I am happy for him and wish him the best. I have and will continue to call upon him for advice .

Community wise, I have found that the Calls the Department responded to and investigated increased 5% from the previous year. Thefts clearly increased with an 87% rise and Bad Checks complaints showing a 100% increase. I'm sure that these are all signs of the economic times. The town has had a total of 4 Burglaries. Three have resulted in arrest/warrants and the fourth was cleared, resulting in 100% clearance.

Fraudulent cases are down; I believe this is because some of these calls have been classified as thefts. The *Fraud Schemes* appear to be originating in foreign countries. These are very complicated investigations and require numerous search warrants and investigative hours to search for internet records. I am surprised that most companies involved are not very co-operative which certainly hampers the investigation.

I would like to thank you for your assistance, and I call upon you to help the department and your neighbors. Remember we can not do this alone and we need your eyes and ears in the community.

On behalf of the department I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Respectfully,

*Paul M. Roberts*  
Police Chief

### Police Department Statistics 2010

<b>Event</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Differ</b>	<b>% Diff</b>
<i>Driving while intoxicated</i>	4	6	2	50.0%
<i>Assault</i>	2	1	-1	-50.0%
<i>Sexual assault</i>	3	6	3	100.0%
<i>Firing of weapons</i>	3	4	1	33.3%
<i>Theft</i>	23	44	21	91.3%

<b>Event</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Differ</b>	<b>% Diff</b>
<i>Fraud</i>	23	16	-7	<b>-30.4%</b>
<i>Domestic violence</i>	5	1	-4	<b>-80.0%</b>
<i>Intoxication</i>	0	5	5	<b>500.0%</b>
<i>Bad checks</i>	5	10	5	<b>100.0%</b>
<i>Drugs</i>	0	5	5	
<i>Disorderly conduct</i>	3	6	3	<b>100.0%</b>
<i>Criminal mischief</i>	2	11	9	<b>450.0%</b>
<i>Auto theft</i>	0	0	0	
<i>Criminal threats</i>	2	6	4	<b>200.0%</b>
<i>Arson</i>	0	0	0	
<i>Burglary</i>	5	4	-1	<b>-20.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMES:</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15.6%</b>
<b>TOTAL CFS</b>	<b>1367</b>	<b>1435</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
<i>Motor vehicle Citations</i>	59	67		
<i>Motor vehicle Warnings</i>	241	527		
<b>Total MV Stops</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>98%</b>
<i>Alarms</i>	70	110	40	<b>57.1%</b>
<i>Animals</i>	113	113	0	<b>0.0%</b>
<i>Medical Emer.</i>	48	86	38	<b>79.2%</b>
<i>Fire calls</i>	20	48	28	<b>140.0%</b>
<i>Motor vehicle</i>	91	84	-7	<b>-7.7%</b>
<i>Admin. Relays</i>	1	7	6	<b>600.0%</b>
<i>Suspicious persons</i>	100	154	54	<b>54.0%</b>
<b>Trespassing</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-25.0%</b>
<i>Missing person</i>	1	2	1	<b>100.0%</b>
<i>Motorist assist</i>	65	71	6	<b>9.2%</b>
<i>Civil</i>	43	23	-20	<b>-46.5%</b>
<i>Open doors</i>	38	21	-17	<b>-44.7%</b>
<i>House checks</i>	40	45	5	<b>12.5%</b>
<i>Assist other PD'S</i>	119	62	-57	<b>-47.9%</b>
<i>Accidents with injury</i>	7	11	4	<b>57.1%</b>
<i>Accidents no injury</i>	52	60	8	<b>15%</b>
<i>E 911 calls</i>	25	32	7	<b>28%</b>
<i>Unattended Deaths</i>	2	1	-1	<b>-50%</b>
<i>Juvenile Matters</i>	6	11	5	<b>83%</b>
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>-54</b>	<b>-16%</b>

## MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Meriden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 81 calls for help this year.

### Alarm Investigations

Motor vehicle accidents	11	Downed power lines	4
Smoke Investigations	2	Illegal burn	2
CO detector	1	School drill	1
Burnt food	1	Alarms	34
Structure fire	1	Chimney fire	4
Trees in road	3	Halloween Traffic Control	1

### Mutual Aid Given

Plainfield	8	Cornish	5
		Cornish Rescue	2

### Mutual Aid Received

Cornish	5	Plainfield	5
Cornish Rescue	6	Lebanon	1

As I have mentioned in past reports, we are trying to get funds to build an addition to the fire station. As we were not able to get any grants for this, at this time we have decided to stay the same size even though it is crowded. Fund raising has started and work has begun to fix and paint what we have for now. We wish to express our deep appreciation to each of you for your donations during our recent fund raiser. Your gifts are an encouragement to all of us who volunteer at the Meriden Fire Department.

Over the past year our Deputy Chief Lester Bouchier retired after 40 years of dedicated service to the department. He remains active in organizing the wild game dinner. Thank you Lester for all that have done for the department. Firefighter Doug Chapman also retired, he started with his dad as a young teen and served the department in many positions over the years. Thank you, Doug, for all the years you put in.

The Meriden Volunteer Fire Department, as are most all volunteer departments, is in need of your help. If you would like to be of service (firefighter, fundraiser, station work, truck maintenance) please contact Deputy Chief William Taylor, Captain John Woodward-Poor, Lieutenant Jeffrey LeBlanc or Lieutenant David Chellis. These firefighters have been promoted during the last year and are doing a fine job with their new responsibilities. We meet the first and third Monday nights for drills. The second Monday is our business meeting. Come join us anytime. I would also like to thank the firefighters and their wives for the family time they give up to serve the community.

If you look in the 2007 Town Report, I said I was going to step down as Chief on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008. Time must have flown by, somehow as December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 just went by and I have now stepped down as Chief. It has been an honor and a challenge to head the department over the years. Thank you to everyone for supporting me and our department. I will not forget you and the department as my wife and I start the next chapter of our lives. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

*David R. Best*, Retired Chief



**MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2010 ACTUAL & 2011 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET**

				<b>PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2010 BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>	
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$0	\$38,000
<b><u>OTHER SOURCES</u></b>				
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	\$3,000	\$2,779	-\$221	\$3,000
SPRING DINNER – 2011	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
SPRING DINNER - 2010	\$3,000	\$3,546	\$546	\$0
DONATIONS	\$5,000	\$5,311	\$311	\$5,000
HAZMAT CLEANUP PAYMENTS	\$0	\$1,660	\$1,660	\$0
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	\$1,000	\$0	-\$1,000	\$1,000
MISC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUBTOTAL	\$12,000	\$13,295	\$1,295	\$12,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$51,295	\$1,295	\$50,000
				<b>PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>2010 BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>	
<b><u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u></b>				
TELEPHONE	\$850	\$636	\$214	\$700
ELECTRICITY	\$900	\$763	\$137	\$800
SEWER	\$240	\$240	\$0	\$240
HEATING OIL	\$1,800	\$1,915	-\$115	\$2,000
INSURANCE	\$8,100	\$7,432	\$668	\$8,000
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$13,300	\$11,059	\$2,241	\$10,300
COMPUTER EXPENSES	\$350	\$0	\$350	\$250
OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLICATIONS	\$450	\$212	\$238	\$650
GAS, DIESEL	\$1,250	\$1,299	-\$49	\$1,250
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	\$650	\$657	-\$7	\$650
TRAINING	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	\$7,430	\$3,236	\$4,194	\$7,730
STATION MAINTENANCE	\$3,000	\$2,004	\$996	\$20,000
UNIFORMS	\$1,000	\$1,200	-\$200	\$1,000
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
ANNUAL REPORT FEE	\$75	\$0	\$75	\$75
STATION EQUIPMENT	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
HAZMAT ASSOCIATION	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
MISC	\$500	\$461	\$39	\$500
SUBTOTAL	\$45,095	\$31,113	\$13,982	\$57,345
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE	\$4,905	\$20,182	-\$15,277	-\$7,345
GRAND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$51,295	-\$1,295	\$50,000

**MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2010 ACTUAL & 2011 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET  
OPERATING ACCOUNT SUMMARY**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$7,500	\$7,500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$51,295	\$50,000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$51,295</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
NET CHANGE	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ENDING BALANCE	<u><u>\$7,500</u></u>	<u><u>\$7,500</u></u>

**CAPITAL RESERVE SUMMARY**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$191,097	\$214,247
INCREASE (DECREASE) RESERVE	\$20,182	-\$7,345
INTEREST / EARNINGS	\$2,968	\$3,000
ENDING BALANCE	<u><u>\$214,247</u></u>	<u><u>\$209,902</u></u>

## PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE- 2010

The year 2010 was a very good year for the Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department. We completed two projects that have been in our plans for a number of years. The first was to install a dry hydrant in Mike Sutherland's pond at the top of Read's hill on Route 12A. We were able to take advantage of needed repairs to the pond and the Sutherland's generosity in allowing the installation. The pond gives us year round access to over 500,000 gallons of water which would be vital for any large fire north of the village. In the past, we have had to truck water from the hydrant adjacent to the Lebanon landfill or to try to find a supply elsewhere.

The second project was the paving of the driveway at the fire station. We became aware of a program that offered by a local paving company to assist nonprofits with paving. We applied, and ended up receiving the asphalt at no cost. Base gravel came from the town's municipal gravel pit and local businesses and individuals covered the cost of having the asphalt installed. The paved driveway is both a safety enhancement significantly reducing ice build up on the parking lot and goes along way to keeping the station free of mud and grit.

We have continued to hold our public dinners every month and enjoy seeing old friends and meeting new ones. The dinners are a great opportunity to socialize and receive a good meal.

After several month of research we have picked a design and ordered a new tank truck. The chassis is a Kenworth with the body to be built by Dingee Machine in Cornish. We choose the Kenworth because of its design and reputation as a dependable truck plus they have the best price for anything close to the same. Dingee Machine was choosen for its reputation as a good manufacturer of fire equipment as well as our past experience with Engine #1 that we bought from them. They too were the most cost effective. We hope to have the new truck by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

When you review the year's run list it looks as though we were significantly busier than last year, but the reason for the increased numbers have more to do with the National Fire Incident Reporting system (NFIRS) that has us keeping track of more details. Also we no longer record assisting the Meriden Department as mutual aid, since we are all one town.

### 2010 Run Breakdown

Public Service	4	Electrical	1	Ambulance Asst	2
Trapped person	1	Illegal burn	4	Inspections	4
Auto Accidents	5	Power lines	4	Trees w/wires	9
Trees w/o wires	6	Welfare	2	Structure fires	7
Oven Fires	1	Alarms	8	ATV Accidents	1
Chimney Fires	2	CO2 Alarms	1	Propane Invst	2

### Mutual Aid

Cornish	4	Weathersfield	1	Acutney	1
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Respectfully submitted,  
*Frank H. Currier*, Chief



**PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
OPERATING EXPENSES & BUDGET**

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated 2011</u></b>
Accounting	\$325.00	\$300.00
New Equipment	\$1,718.87	\$2,000.00
New Fire Clothing	\$8,720.83	\$4,000.00
Equipment Repairs	\$1,212.18	\$3,000.00
Supplies	\$1,926.29	\$1,000.00
Electricity	\$1,418.61	\$1,200.00
Telephone	\$1,266.33	\$1,600.00
Heat	\$4,364.66	\$5,000.00
Gas/Diesel Fuel	\$794.11	\$1,000.00
Water	\$273.17	\$300.00
Insurance	\$8,407.00	\$9,000.00
Schools & Training	\$1,371.56	\$500.00
Radio & Radio Repairs	\$748.51	\$1,000.00
Fees/Dues	\$95.00	\$700.00
Septic Repair	\$2,246.00	\$0.00
Building (New)	\$20,528.22	\$17,500.00
Driveway Paving	\$8,047.50	\$0.00
Haz-mat Team	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
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	\$63,463.84	\$49,100.00

**RECEIPTS**

**EST. RECEIPTS**

Forest Fire	\$412.40	\$300.00
Title 4 Funds	\$1,239.35	\$1,200.00
Fund Raising	\$5,112.00	\$4,000.00
Town		
Appropriation	\$43,000.00	\$43,000.00
Donations	\$12,953.65	\$600.00
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	\$62,717.40	\$49,100.00

Receipts	\$62,717.40
Expenses	<hr/>
Balance	-\$746.44

Treasurer *Jesse R. Stalker*

# REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

**Plainfield Warden:** In 2010 we issued more than 100 local permits for outdoor burns, campfires, brush piles, etc. Our local fire departments responded to four illegal burns. Open burning is governed by state law and controlled by the Department of Forest and Lands. Wardens and deputy wardens do not have local discretion on permit issuance.

**State Forest Ranger:** Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire’s forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

This past fire season had a slightly lower number of fires, as well as lower number of acres burned than the 5 year average. What made this fire season somewhat unusual was that it lasted most of the summer. New Hampshire typically has a fairly active spring fire season and then the summer rains tend to dampen fire activity later in the season. This year virtually all areas of the state had fires throughout the summer due to the periodic dry spells throughout the season. As has been the case over the last few years, state budget constraints have limited the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting was supplemented by contracted aircraft and the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. The largest fire for the season was 10.3 acre fire in Charlestown. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state’s Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

## NH FIRE STATISTICS

<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED-2010</u>		<u>TOTAL FIRES</u>		<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>
Lightning	04	<b>2010</b>	360	145
Equipment	18	<b>2009</b>	334	173
Arson	03	<b>2008</b>	455	175
Campfire	35	<b>2007</b>	437	212
Children	13	<b>2006</b>	500	473
Smoking	13	<b>2005</b>	546	174
Debris	146	<b>2004</b>	482	147
Misc*	128 (*Misc: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)			

*Frank Currier* Plainfield Fire Warden

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

The all-volunteer Cornish Rescue Squad is now entering its 37<sup>th</sup> year of continuous service. The highly trained squad members along with local ambulance services, respond to all types of emergencies at any hour of the day or night. The squad also works closely with local fire departments to provide assistance during fires and other emergency situations.

For the year 2011, the squad has responded to 153 calls in the towns of Cornish and Plainfield.

The Cornish Rescue Squad sponsors Emergency Medical Technician courses as well as technical training such as vehicle extrication throughout the year. At each of our monthly meetings, time is set aside for training. Additionally, squad members attend lectures at local area hospitals. Squad members this stay up to date with the latest in emergency medical care.

The Cornish Rescue Squad is committed to providing the finest care we can render when you need it the most.

As always, if you have an emergency, call **911** immediately. Do not call family or friends. Any delay in receiving medical care can be very detrimental.

Cornish Rescue Squad members thank you for all the support that you, as community members, have given us over all these years.

Respectfully submitted,  
*H. Jeffrey Katchen*  
President-Cornish Rescue Squad

## TOWN OF PLAINFIELD SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding bonds & loans as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2010	
Philip Read Memorial Library	\$187,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$187,500</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS</b>	
Outstanding long-term debt as of January 1, 2010	\$ 212,500
New debt during the year	0
Debt retirement during the year	
Library Addition	\$ 25,000
<b>Outstanding long-term debt as of December 31, 2010</b>	<b>\$187,500</b>



# TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H. REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2010

NAME OF TRUST FUND	Principle Balance Begin Year	New Funds Created	Gains or Losses From Sale	Principle Balance Year End	Income Balance Begin Year	Income Earned During Year	Income Expended During Year	Income Balance Year End
<b>CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS</b>								
Daniels Cemetery	\$ 7,718.66			\$ 7,718.66	\$ 655.49	\$ 280.18	\$ 364.15	\$571.52
East Plainfield Cemetery	\$ 3,666.36			\$ 3,666.36	\$ 95.54	\$ 125.86	\$ 141.12	\$80.28
Freeman Cemetery	\$ 2,701.53			\$ 2,701.53	\$ 33.39	\$ 91.50	\$ 102.59	\$22.30
Gilkey Cemetery	\$ 385.94			\$ 385.94	\$ 10.06	\$ 13.25	\$ 14.85	\$8.46
Gleason Cemetery	\$ 26,205.55			\$ 26,205.55	\$ 682.88	\$ 899.62	\$ 1,008.64	\$573.86
Methodist Hill Cemetery	\$ 385.94			\$ 385.94	\$ 10.06	\$ 13.25	\$ 14.85	\$8.46
Mill Cemetery	\$ 15,485.50			\$ 15,485.50	\$ 403.54	\$ 531.61	\$ 596.03	\$339.12
Moulton Cemetery	\$ 7,788.58			\$ 7,788.58	\$ 202.51	\$ 267.36	\$ 299.76	\$170.11
Penniman Cemetery	\$ 1,157.80			\$ 1,157.80	\$ 30.16	\$ 39.75	\$ 44.56	\$25.35
Plainfield Cemetery	\$ 56,479.85			\$ 56,479.85	\$ 1,470.44	\$ 1,938.87	\$ 2,173.84	\$1,235.47
Raynsford Cemetery	\$ 1,543.75			\$ 1,543.75	\$ 40.22	\$ 53.00	\$ 59.42	\$33.80
River Cemetery	\$ 1,157.80			\$ 1,157.80	\$ 30.16	\$ 39.75	\$ 44.56	\$25.35
Westgate-Peterson Cemetery	\$ 964.84			\$ 964.84	\$ 25.16	\$ 33.12	\$ 37.14	\$21.14
Town Cemeteries	\$ 3,859.33			\$ 3,859.33	\$ 98.86	\$ 132.43	\$ 148.48	\$82.81
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 129,501.43</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 129,501.43</b>	<b>\$ 3,788.47</b>	<b>\$ 4,459.55</b>	<b>\$ 5,049.99</b>	<b>\$3,198.03</b>
<b>LIBRARY TRUST FUND</b>								
Meriden Library	\$ 24,892.72			\$ 24,892.72	\$ 687.58	\$ 855.85	\$ 1,100.00	\$443.43
Philip Read Memorial Library	\$ 71,653.04			\$ 71,653.04	\$ 1,798.59	\$ 2,457.50	\$ 3,200.00	\$1,056.09
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 96,545.76</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 96,545.76</b>	<b>\$ 2,486.17</b>	<b>\$ 3,313.35</b>	<b>\$ 4,300.00</b>	<b>\$1,499.52</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS</b>								
Ward Christmas Fund	\$ 3,859.33			\$ 3,859.33	\$ 147.90	\$ 134.07	\$ 147.00	\$134.97
Ward Worthy Poor Fund	\$ 5,788.99			\$ 5,788.99	\$ 12,023.65	\$ 595.97		\$12,619.62
Ward Essay Prize Fund	\$ 3,859.33			\$ 3,859.33	\$ 1,005.77	\$ 162.77	\$ 200.00	\$968.54
Elijah Burnap Poor Fund	\$ 10,615.49			\$ 10,615.49	\$ 18,365.91	\$ 969.64		\$19,335.55
Earl Mower Fund	\$ 1,592.00			\$ 1,592.00	\$ 60.60	\$ 55.29	\$ 60.60	\$55.29
Duncan Piano Fund	\$ 1,157.80			\$ 1,157.80	\$ 1,631.45	\$ 93.32		\$1,724.77
Vernon Hood Fund	\$ 385.94			\$ 385.94	\$ 185.02	\$ 19.10		\$204.12
Bill Hendrick Vision Fund	\$ 1,731.30			\$ 1,731.30	\$ 1,444.48	\$ 106.25		\$1,550.73
Mother's & Daughter's Fund	\$ 2,161.23			\$ 2,161.23	\$ 82.44	\$ 75.07	\$ 82.44	\$75.07
Beulah Pickering Fund	\$ 18,264.94			\$ 18,264.94	\$ 25,921.12	\$ 779.36		\$26,700.48
Ruth F Koe Brady Camp Fund	\$ 987.78			\$ 987.78	\$ 507.45	\$ 50.03		\$557.48
Stage Set Fund	\$ 8,635.00			\$ 8,635.00	\$ 2,719.08	\$ 379.88		\$3,098.96
Mericafters Fund	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00	\$ 177.29	\$ 22.66	\$ 177.29	\$22.66
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 59,539.13</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 59,539.13</b>	<b>\$ 64,272.16</b>	<b>\$ 3,443.41</b>	<b>\$ 667.33</b>	<b>\$67,048.24</b>
<b>TOTAL: ALL TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 285,586.32</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 285,586.32</b>	<b>\$ 70,546.80</b>	<b>\$ 11,216.31</b>	<b>\$10,017.32</b>	<b>\$71,745.79</b>

INTEREST

PRINCIPLE

Capital Reserve/Expendable Trust Funds

	Principle Balance Year End	New Funds Added	Funds Expended	Principle Balance Year End	Income Balance Year End	Income Earned During Year	Income Expended During Year	Income Balance Year End
Revaluation Fund	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 26,000.00	\$ 768.70	\$ 37.38		\$806.08
Town Hall Fund	\$ 15,200.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 432.92	\$ 36.41	\$ 468.50	\$0.83
Bridge Reserve Fund	\$ 94,000.00			\$ 94,000.00	\$ 20,628.33	\$ 820.27	\$ 757.56	\$20,691.04
Meriden Water Reserve Fund	\$ 106,500.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$107,500.00	\$10,624.48	\$ 889.48		\$11,513.96
School Building Fund	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 1,634.72	\$ 513.31	\$ 800.00	\$1,348.03
New Equipment Fund	\$ 137,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 128,000.00	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 3,488.22	\$ 1,528.38	\$ 3,000.00	\$2,016.60
Plainfield Water Fund	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 29,000.00	\$ 226.68	\$ 49.92		\$276.60
Library Repair Fund	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 13,000.00	\$ 340.49	\$ 24.72	\$ 200.00	\$165.21
Meriden Sewer Reserve Fund	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 67,000.00	\$ 5,443.83	\$ 625.36		\$6,069.19
Plainfield History Fund	\$ 12,000.00			\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,514.30	\$ 30.50		\$2,544.80
Cemetery Care Fund	\$ 42,350.00			\$ 42,350.00	\$ 2,835.62	\$ 571.39	\$ 1,808.00	\$1,599.01
ADA Access Fund	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4.20		\$4.20
School Spec Ed Fund	\$ 118,000.00	\$ 30,000.00		\$148,000.00	\$21,172.15	\$ 1,456.90		\$22,629.05
Transportation Imprvmnt Fund	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,977.78	\$ 722.76	\$ 4,000.00	\$700.54
School Benefits Payable	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 83.34	\$ 209.83	\$ 102.00	\$191.17
Town Beauty Fund	\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$0.00
Townsend Bridge & Trail Fund	\$ 8,408.00		\$ 3,800.00	\$ 4,608.00	\$ 242.07	\$ 18.17	\$ 200.00	\$60.24
<b>TOTAL: ALL CAP RES FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 791,108.00</b>	<b>\$ 223,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 293,800.00</b>	<b>\$720,808.00</b>	<b>\$74,413.63</b>	<b>\$ 7,538.98</b>	<b>\$11,336.06</b>	<b>\$70,616.55</b>

## SELECTBOARD'S REPORT ON RESERVE FUND TRANSACTIONS

The Selectboard is named agents to expend for eight reserve funds:

The Library Building Repair Fund created in 1992.

The Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.

Town Hall Repair Fund created in 1996.

Town Revaluation Fund created in 1993.

Town Building ADA Access Fund created in 2003.

Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006.

Townsend Bridge Fund created in 2007.

Town Beautification Fund created in 2008.

**Deposits and withdrawals to these funds during 2010 were:**

### **Library Repair Fund**

Deposits-	\$2,500
	Town meeting appropriation.
Withdrawals-	\$ 200
PL-sign completion	

### **Town Bridge Fund**

Deposits-	\$0
Withdrawals-	\$758
Replacement planks and attachment	
Devices-Meriden Covered Bridge	

### **Town Hall Repair Fund**

Deposits-	\$5,000
	Town meeting appropriation.
<b>Withdrawals-</b>	<b>\$16,469</b>
PTH slate roof repair	\$260
PTH siding repair	\$816
PTH exterior painting	\$7,700
MTH slate roof repair	\$295
MTH entry repair	\$472
MTH foundation repair	\$2,700
MTH exterior painting	\$4,226

### **Revaluation Fund**

Deposits-	\$15,000
	Town meeting appropriation.
Withdrawals-	\$ 0

### **ADA Compliance**

Deposits-	\$5,000
Withdrawals-	\$ 0

### **Transportation Fund**

Deposits	\$60,000
	Town meeting appropriation
Withdrawals	\$119,000
Willow Brook Road	



**SELECTBOARD'S REPORT ON RESERVE FUND  
TRANSACTIONS (continued)**

<b>Townsend Bridge Fund</b>	Deposits	\$0
	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
	Stonehouse Mapping	\$ 500
	Groomer Project	\$3,500
<b>Town Beautification Fund</b>	Deposits	\$0
	Withdarwls	\$0

See the report of the trustee of trust funds for complete details on beginning and year ending balances for each of these funds.



**TOWN AUDIT**

The firm of Plodzik and Sanderson completed the 2010 audit in January of 2011. To conserve space in this report the following are excerpts from the audit. The full document is available both in printed form and as an electronic file, from the town office.

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Major General Fund**  
*Schedule of Estimated and Actual Revenues (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2010*

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 1,137,170	\$ 1,150,276	\$ 13,106
Land use change	4,825	4,825	-
Yield	13,000	13,652	652
Excavation	75	45	(30)
Payment in lieu of taxes	1,000	-	(1,000)
Interest and penalties on taxes	50,000	61,304	11,304
Total from taxes	1,206,070	1,230,102	24,032
Licenses, permits and fees:			
Motor vehicle permit fees	432,000	404,713	(27,287)
Other	10,000	6,010	(3,990)
Total from licenses, permits and fees	442,000	410,723	(31,277)
Intergovernmental:			
State:			
Meals and rooms distribution	107,819	107,819	-
Highway block grant	109,505	109,505	-
Other	23,903	24,170	267
Total from intergovernmental	241,227	241,494	267
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	120,000	110,656	(9,344)
Miscellaneous:			
Sale of municipal property	19,000	19,450	450
Interest on investments	6,500	7,385	885
Rent of property	-	550	550
Insurance dividends and reimbursements	-	1,655	1,655
Other	2,500	9,036	6,536
Total from miscellaneous	28,000	38,076	10,076
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in	148,000	145,000	(3,000)
Total revenues and other financing sources	2,185,297	\$ 2,176,051	\$ (9,246)
Unreserved fund balance used to reduce tax rate	-		
Total revenues, other financing sources and use of fund balance	\$ 2,185,297		

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Major General Fund**  
*Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)*  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2010**

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:					
General government:					
Executive	\$ -	\$ 163,325	\$ 167,237	\$ -	\$ (3,912)
Election and registration	-	8,080	3,872	-	4,208
Financial administration	-	62,100	65,220	-	(3,120)
Revaluation of property	-	10,000	11,840	-	(1,840)
Legal	13,500	10,100	8,529	13,500	1,571
Personnel administration	-	10,950	12,815	-	(1,865)
Planning and zoning	-	2,200	2,314	-	(114)
General government buildings	-	5,850	7,793	-	(1,943)
Cemeteries	-	28,000	24,928	-	3,072
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	-	36,030	35,187	-	843
Advertising and regional associations	-	5,100	5,231	-	(131)
Total general government	13,500	341,735	344,966	13,500	(3,231)
Public safety:					
Police	-	283,439	297,207	-	(13,768)
Ambulance	-	30,000	30,185	-	(185)
Fire	-	81,000	81,000	-	-
Building inspection	-	6,800	10,061	-	(3,261)
Emergency management	-	250	-	-	250
Dispatching	-	24,900	18,209	-	6,691
Hydrant rental	-	-	2,420	-	(2,420)
Total public safety	-	426,389	439,082	-	(12,693)
Highways and streets:					
Administration	-	23,800	22,269	-	1,531
Highways and streets	14,800	591,400	586,521	2,500	17,179
Road projects	53,359	109,539	166,356	-	(3,458)
Street lighting	-	9,000	9,204	-	(204)
Total highways and streets	68,159	733,739	784,350	2,500	15,048
Sanitation:					
Solid waste collection	-	150,000	152,484	-	(2,484)
Solid waste disposal	-	52,110	51,393	-	717
Total sanitation	-	202,110	203,877	-	(1,767)
Health:					
Pest control	-	500	230	-	270
Health agencies	-	20,785	18,188	-	2,597
Total health	-	21,285	18,418	-	2,867
Welfare:					
Direct assistance	-	6,250	4,239	-	2,011
Culture and recreation:					
Parks and recreation	-	18,925	16,100	-	2,825
Library	-	-	-	-	-
Patriotic purposes	-	1,500	2,312	4,000	(4,812)
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total culture and recreation	-	20,425	18,412	4,000	(1,987)
Conservation					
Conservation	-	500	312	-	188

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**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Major General Fund**  
*Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)*  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2010**

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt service:					
Principal of long-term debt	-	25,000	25,000	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	-	9,250	8,236	-	1,014
Total debt service	-	34,250	33,236	-	1,014
Capital outlay:					
Highway equipment purchase	-	131,000	131,000	-	-
Trail groomer project	-	27,753	27,753	-	-
Other	-	3,500	16	3,000	484
Total capital outlay	-	162,253	158,769	3,000	484
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out:					
Nonmajor funds:					
Special revenue:					
Public libraries	-	98,861	99,861	-	(1,000)
Expendable trust	-	137,500	137,500	-	-
Transfers out	-	236,361	237,361	-	(1,000)
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses and encumbrances	\$ 81,639	\$ 2,185,297	\$ 2,243,022	\$ 23,000	\$ 934

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Major General Fund**  
*Schedule of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)*  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2010**

Unreserved, undesignated fund balance (budgetary basis), beginning	\$ 494,376
Changes:	
2010 Budget summary:	
Revenue surplus (shortfall) (Schedule 1)	\$ (9,246)
Unexpended balance (Overdraft) of appropriations (Schedule 2)	934
2010 Budget surplus	(8,312)
Increase in fund balance reserved for special purposes	(1,005)
Unreserved, undesignated fund balance, ending	\$ 485,059

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BALANCE SHEET December 31st 2010**

**ASSETS:**

**CASH:**

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$2,572,579
INVESTMENTS	\$3,468
PETTY CASH	\$250

**TOTAL CASH** **\$2,576,297**

PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE \$359,291

CURRENT USE RECEIVABLE \$1,150

YIELD TAX RECEIVABLE \$1,667

TAX LIEN RECEIVABLE \$190,662

**TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE** **\$552,770**

DUE FROM COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGES \$9,441

DUE FROM CONSERVATION COMMISSION \$0

**TOTAL ASSETS:** **\$3,138,508**

**LIABILITIES:**

DUE TO CONSERVATION FUND \$1,519

DUE TO STATE OF NH \$350

**PAYABLES:**

SCHOOL	\$2,547,260
INVOICES	\$33,298
ACCRUED PAYROLL	\$13,676
AFLAC	\$23

**TOTAL PAYABLES** **\$2,594,257**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** **\$2,596,126**

**FUND BALANCE** **\$542,382**

OVERPAYMENT ON TAXES (\$1,798)

RESERVE- LUCT CURRENT YEAR (\$1,520)

RESERVE - UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES (\$30,000)

RESERVE- LEGAL (\$13,500)

RESERVE- HIGHWAY RADIOS (\$2,500)

RESERVE-WAGE STUDY (\$3,000)

RESERVE-250TH CELEBRATION (\$4,000)

RESERVE-KOEHLER DONATIONS (\$1,005)

**UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE:** **\$485,059**

**GRAND TOTALS:** **\$3,138,508**

**UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2009** **\$494,376**

**UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2010** **\$485,059**

**CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION** **(\$9,317)**

## HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT 2010 EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

2010	Block Grant Allocation	<b>\$109,539</b>
2009	Carry over	\$65,359
	Highway Transportation Fund Withdrawal	\$119,000
	<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$293,898</b>

### **Freeman Road**

Pavement	\$53,507
Shoulders	\$2,402

<b>Freeman Road Total</b>	<b>\$55,909</b>
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### **Willow Brook Road phase II**

Pavement	\$202,934
Gravel	\$14,136
Culverts	\$2,388
Equipment Rental	\$3,800
Erosion Stone	\$3,525
Ledge Removal	\$1,000
Shoulders	\$765
Misc.	\$441

<b>Willow Brook Road Total</b>	<b>\$228,989</b>
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Allocated to regular highway maintenance	\$9,000
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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$293,898</b>
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## FIVE-YEAR ROAD PROJECT PRIORITIES

As required by the passage of article ten at the 1998 Annual Meeting, the following represents the selectmen's road reconstruction priorities for the next five years. Note: order of work and timing is subject to change as new information, time and available funds dictate.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Work</b>
'99	River Rd	phase III-prep completion and base paving. <b>Completed</b>
'00	River Rd	phase IV-topcourse paving, shoulder work. <b>Completed</b>
'01	Jenney Rd	base reconstruction/paving <b>Completed</b>
'02	Daniels Rd	base reconstruction/paving. <b>Completed</b>
'04	Bean Rd	base reconstruction/paving. <b>Completed</b>
'05	Bean Rd/Westgate Culvert/drainage work.	<b>Completed.</b>
'06	Westgate base reconstruction/paving.	<b>Completed.</b>
'07	Beauty Hill Rd	base reconstruction/paving <b>Completed.</b>
'08	Colby Hill Rd	base reconstruction/paving <b>Completed.</b>
'08	Willow Brook Road	base reconstruction/paving phase 1 <b>Completed.</b>
'09	Freeman Road	base reconstruction <b>Completed</b>



- '10 Freeman Road paving/Willow Brook Road phase 2 **Completed**
- '11 Willow Brook Road base reconstruction/paving phase 3
- '12 Methodist Hill Road base reconstruction/paving.
- '13 Penniman Road resurfacing
- '14 Center of Town Road resurfacing.



Rock retaining wall construction Brook Road

S. Halleran

### Town Employees Salaries-2010

Agan, Matthew	Part-Time Patrolman	\$4,577
Alden, Joshua	Part-Time Patrolman	\$455
Barry, Daniel	Truck Driver	\$31,632 (includes overtime)
Belyea, Judith	Selectboard	\$2,332
Blish, Keith	Truck Driver	\$32,369 (includes overtime)
Brookes-Governo, Sarah	Treasurer	\$3,500
Brookes-Governo, Sarah	Election Staff	\$303
Cantlin, Daniel	Recreation Director	\$5,670
Chapman, Annamay	Sub – Librarian - East	\$2,197
Chapman, Annamay	Election Staff	\$216
Collins III, Richard	Assistant Road Agent	\$41,578 (includes overtime)
Dore, Lawrence	Deputy Police Chief	\$59,769 (includes overtime)
Estey, Lori	Sub – Librarian - East	\$2,483
Gillens, Gordon	Police Chief	\$32,695
Grindle, Halton	Welfare / Health Director	\$353
Hackett, Earl	Part-Time Patrolman	\$367
Halleran, Stephen	Town Administrator	\$57,930
Hawkins, Amanda	Tennis Instructor	\$1,580
Hollinger, R.D.	Truck Driver	\$34,066 (includes overtime)
Jones, Harold	Supervisor of Checklist	\$305
Jordan, Donald	Supervisor of Checklist	\$453
Kennett, Joshua	Truck Driver	\$31,587 (includes overtime)
King, Mary	Library Director - East	\$15,072
King, Maxwell	Tennis Assistant	\$1,280
Lersch, David	Building Inspector	\$8,419
Lurie, Elizabeth	Election Staff	\$87
Marsh, Michelle	Town Clerk/Office Manager	\$29,047
Marsh, Robin	Election Staff	\$303
Norwalk, Nancy	Library Director – West	\$25,132
Roberts, Paul	Police Chief	\$53,030 (includes overtime)
Rogers, Diane	Administrative Assistant	\$2,907
Rogers, Diane	Sub – Librarian – West	\$3,270
Rogers, Diane	Supervisor of Checklist	\$678
Rogerson, RoAnne	Election Staff	\$87
Serem, Jerome	Part-Time Truck Driver	\$16,402
Smith, Sean	Truck Driver	\$36,671 (includes overtime)
Stalker, Jesse	Trustee of Trust Funds	\$1,800
Stalker, Ruth	Sub – Librarian - West	\$3,768
Stocker, Ken	Road Agent	\$55,790
Stockwell, Bette	Election Staff	\$216
Sweet, Fred	Town Treasurer	\$1,700
Swett, Anthony	Patrolman	\$31,461 (includes overtime)
Taylor, Robert	Selectboard	\$2,332
Taylor, Stephen	Moderator	\$488
Thompson, Jeanne	Library Director – East	\$3,588
West, George	Election Staff	\$114



Wheeler, Ruthann	Tax Collector/D. Twn Clerk	\$16,606
Williams Jr, Thomas	Selectboard	\$2,332
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$658,997</b>

**PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
2010**

The Plainfield Town Hall, with its Maxfield Parrish Stage Set, is a wonderful facility for dinners, performances, parties, meetings, dances, and all types of functions. It continues to be the only town-owned building (other than the school) which can hold more than 20 people. As such, the Plainfield Town Hall is very valuable to our nonprofit organizations such as the library, historical society, Grange and churches. In addition, the hall is rented at a very reasonable fee to private individuals. The hall is well used.

The committee and the selectboard continue to address the repairs and upkeep identified previously, as funds allow. In 2010 the exterior of the hall was painted. Still to be accomplished is the repointing of the stone foundation, interior painting and the repair or replacement of a rotted beam across the front of the building. This was discovered during the recent painting project.

The Maxfield Parrish Stage Set Committee of the Plainfield Historical Society continues to hold functions related to Maxfield Parrish in order to raise funds for the upkeep of the stage set. See the Trustee of Trust funds report. Interest in Maxfield Parrish and the stage set continues to be high.

The Plainfield Town Hall is one of the focal points of the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration and the committee's recommendations, when completed, will make the building a beautiful setting for the festivities, a building of which the town can be proud.

Nancy Norwalk and Beverly Widger for the Committee: Nancy Norwalk, Beverly Widger, Brad Atwater, Nancy Scott, David Chellis, Ruth Cassedy

**WELFARE REPORT 2010**

Plainfield has continued to meet our local needs for assistance through a combination of state assistance, local funding, and the generosity of many of our residents who make both cash and in kind donations. Plainfield as a community benefit from many residents that want to help their neighbors.

Senior luncheons have continued to be well attended. These monthly gatherings provide opportunities for an afternoon out and fellowship amongst old friends as well as opportunities to meet new ones.

If you or someone that you know needs assistance, please call the town office (469-3201) so that needs can be evaluated and appropriate assistance offered.

*Al Grindle*-Town Welfare Officer



## HUMAN SERVICES REPORT

Residents of the Town of Plainfield continued to have access to needed social services from the following agencies during 2010:

**ACORN:** AIDS Community Resource Network, which exists to support and assist those whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS. 2 Blacksmith Street, Lebanon, NH. **tel. 603-448-8887.**

**COMMUNITY ALLIANCE:** Provides counseling and support for youth and their families, available 24 hours a day; works with court ordered juveniles, maintaining Chandler House, an emergency, temporary home for these clients. PO Box 188, Newport NH 03773 **tel. 863-7708.**

**GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER:** Provides services to senior citizens: meals, including deliveries of meals, transportation, adult day care, recreation, health screening and social services. PO Box 433 / Lebanon, NH 03766-0433 **tel. 448-4897**

**HEADREST:** Provides information and referrals for human services in the Upper Valley. Located at 14 Church St./ PO Box 247/Lebanon, NH 03766 **tel. 448-4872. Hotline 448-4400.**

**MASCOMA VALLEY HEALTH INITIATIVE:** A provider of public health services in the Upper Valley. Functions included research, education, planning and prevention activities. PO Box 102 Canaan NH 03741 **tel. 523-7100.**

**SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES:** Provides and administers Fuel Assistance, Commodity Foods, WIC Program, Neighbor Helping Neighbor, and Eldercare programs along with other human service type programs to eligible applicants. PO Box 1338 Claremont, NH 03743. **tel. 542-9528.**

**VNAVNH/HOSPICE:** Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire Medicare is a certified home care agency that provides home health services to Plainfield residents. 66 Benning Street, Suite 6 West Lebanon **tel. 1-800-300-8853.**

**VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION:** A program from Mt. Ascutney Hospital that provides caring volunteers of all ages who assist neighbors in need of a helping hand. Most frequently used services are: transportation, visitation, food shopping. PO Box 707 Windsor, Vt. 05089 **tel. 802-674-5971.**

**WEST CENTRAL SERVICES:** Provides mental health and behavioral services for no or very low costs to the uninsured. West Central Services is the New Hampshire designated community mental health facility for Plainfield and all of Sullivan County. 9 Hanover Street, Suite 2, Lebanon, NH 03766 **tel. 448-0126.**

After expressing their gratitude for past support these agencies are again looking for funding from our community:

Organization	Granted 2009	Requested 2010	Budgeted 2010
Acorn	\$500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Community Alliance	\$500	\$ 500	\$ 250
GCSCC	\$3,500	\$4,250	\$3,500
Headrest	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
Mascoma Valley Health	\$0	\$1,822	\$500
SW Comm Service	\$ 850	\$ 850	\$ 850
VNAVNH	\$9,875	\$9,875	\$9,875
Volunteers in Action	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
West Central Services	\$2,310	\$2,310	\$2,310
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,535</b>	<b>\$22,107</b>	<b>\$19,785</b>

**The Plainfield History Account**  
**Administered by the Philip Read Memorial and the Meriden Library**  
**January 1, 2010-December 31, 2010**

Choice White Pines and Good Land: A History of Plainfield and Meriden, New Hampshire, published in 1991, continues to sell well. The libraries are in charge of selling, marketing, storing, and shipping the books. The cost is \$45; they are available at the town office and the Plainfield and Meriden Libraries. “Choice White Pines...” is a valuable reference on our town and its residents and is cited frequently in various publications. This is the only full-length published history of Plainfield. Purchase your copy now and read about your community.

At Town Meeting 2000, a warrant article was passed authorizing the establishment of a capital reserve fund called the Plainfield History Fund. The fund was established with money from this Plainfield History account and, periodically, funds from sales are transferred to the capital reserve. Eventually, the Plainfield History Fund will be used to underwrite the cost of writing the next volume of Plainfield’s history. See the Trustee of Trust Funds report for the balance of this fund.

Financial Report	
Balance January 1	\$1,657.57
Income:	
Sale of books & shipping	\$407.00
Bank interest	3.83
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$410.83</u></b>
	\$2,068.40
Expenses:	
None	
<b>Balance December 31</b>	<b>\$2,068.40</b>

## KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY STUDY COMMITTEE

The charge of this committee is to meet with representatives of the KUA administration and maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, and to report its findings at annual town meeting. This year's group held four meetings between Thanksgiving and late January.

The following bears repeating from this committee's report of 2008: "Recognizing the current difficult economic times, the committee felt it was more important than ever to keep in mind the previously stated goal of 'working as a collective community to maximize all of our local resources to enhance opportunities for all and at the same time reduce or control property tax increases.'" Kimball Union is an integral part of our community: it is the town's third largest tax payer, our community's largest employer and definitely contributes to Plainfield's quality of life.

### **Summary of the Committee's Finding:**

Based on all that your committee was able to learn and discuss, a majority of this year's committee continues to support granting a one-hundred percent abatement of the taxes assessed on dormitories, dining halls and kitchens as permitted by RSA 72:23. This year, the committee discussed the merits of a partial exemption and has agreed to continue this discussion into the coming year.

The committee was successful in having Kimball Union agree to make some enhancements to Main Street lighting (specifically at the crosswalks). This work should be completed in the coming months.

### **In detail, your committee reports the following:**

- **KUA Tax Abatement** For tax year 2010, KUA assets (dormitory, dining hall and kitchen) were valued at \$7,132,798, thus the discretionary exemption was \$169,400 (i.e., tax abatement). Contributing to the discussions of granting a partial exemption are the realities of declining local student enrollment, rising property taxes, the increased value of the exemption (\$169,404), and the impact that the private school has on our local school population (15 students).
- During the 2010/11 academic year, KUA provided \$270,200 worth of financial aid to Plainfield students attending KUA. This aid exceeded the tax abated last year by \$113,300.
- While recognizing that KUA has no obligation to return the tax abatement money to the community, your study committee supports the continuation of a need-based distribution of local financial aid provided by the academy.
- **Streetlights:** At the request of the Selectboard, your committee spent time discussing the streetlights on Main Street. The Selectboard has received numerous concerns from residents about the limited visibility when students are crossing the roadway during low-light conditions. Kimball Union has agreed to



enhance the campus streetlights along Main Street with input from the town's Energy Committee, the Highway Department and the Police Department.

- **Kimball Union Academy remains Plainfield's largest employer.**  
More than 30 KUA employees, making up some 27 Plainfield households, own homes in the community.
- **Kimball Union Academy is now the Town's third largest taxpayer.**  
In 2010 KUA paid \$51,367 in local property taxes.
- **Plainfield Students**
  - Twenty-eight (exclusive of KUA faculty students) Plainfield students attend the academy.
  - Ten (10) Plainfield seniors will graduate in the coming spring.
  - Three to five (3-5) Plainfield eighth graders are expected to begin attending KUA for the 2011/12 school year.
- **Tuitions: KUA and Lebanon High School (LHS)**
  - KUA day-student tuition will be \$28,850 for the next (2011/12) academic year
  - LHS tuition for Plainfield students this year is \$13,249/per student.
  - Due to the estimated twenty-three Plainfield students attending KUA in 2011/12, \$304,727 in tuition payment to LHS will be avoided. The town does not pay any portion of the KUA tuition for local students.
  - The KUA administration has again, in an effort to alleviate uncertainty, agreed to guarantee that at least three local students from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will attend the academy. If not, the academy will reimburse the school district the cost of the difference in the Lebanon tuition.
- **Facility Access**  
Access times and directions to KUA facilities for Plainfield residents is available on the KUA website [www.kua.org](http://www.kua.org)  
Those facilities are:
  1. Skating rink
  2. Cross-country ski trails
  3. Tennis courts
  4. Athletic fields and track
  5. Meeting rooms with advanced approval
  6. Soccer fields This part should be listed under the events supported by KUA, not facilities. RH

New for 2011 residents are encouraged to visit the town's web site and follow the "KUA Invites you link" for an always up-to-date listing of events and happenings open to the public.

- **KUA Supports the Following Events**
  - Annual holiday luncheon for seniors
  - Plainfield Elementary School Graduation
  - Annual Plainfield Elementary School-sponsored soccer tournament
  - Meriden Fire Department Annual wild game dinner

- Town Energy Expo
- Provides public access to theatrical performances and art exhibits
- Provides meeting places for local nonprofit organizations
- Livingston Taylor Fund Raising concert for the Plainfield Elementary School

▪ **Meriden Post Office**

KUA has now renewed the lease for the Meriden Post Office which should guarantee the post office stays in the village for at least the next five years.

Respectfully Submitted, *James Bonney, Myra Ferguson-SB, Gordon Defoe, Betsy Duany, , James Gray-KUA, Robyn Hadlock, Rob Hewett, Shelley Andrews, and John Yacavone,*  
Plainfield KUA Committee 2010/11

### **ENERGY COMMITTEE- 2010**

As the Town Report goes to press, our committee is in the final stages of preparing for our second Energy Expo on January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Plainfield School. Modeled after our successful event in October, 2009, this expo will feature a Lee Lynd keynote address on “Transitioning to a Sustainable Energy Future” and a wealth of workshops and exhibits on energy-related topics from weatherization to renewable energy systems, bioenergy and green building. (For those of you new to town, Lee Lynd is a Son of Plainfield, a Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth biofuels scientist and a founder of the Mascoma Corporation.) Students of the Plainfield School will be in various supporting roles, providing food, childcare and “bike blender smoothies.”

Most of the committee’s new work has been oriented toward streetlight evaluation - with the eventual goal of reducing unnecessary lighting - and continuation of the no-idling initiatives that began at the Plainfield School.

We continue to look for opportunities to save energy and money in this town – whether through residential, municipal or commercial savings. Plainfield has been a part of the Community Energy Challenge issued by the EPA and we hope to take advantage of new opportunities to track our town energy use in order to measure progress.

Presently, remarkable incentives exist for installation of renewable energy systems and we urge community members to contact a member of the Energy Committee if they have an interest in exploring options for home or business. Several residential systems have been put in place and Townline Equipment has recently installed 352 solar photovoltaic modules on their roof that are estimated to produce 87,049 kW annually and meet approximately 53% of their current electrical demand!

The schools in Plainfield continue to set the standard for energy conservation. Thanks to the visionary Facilities Committee, The Plainfield School is seeing the benefits of its renovation work over the summer and has reduced its usage of energy by approximately 29%. And KUA has reduced its total energy consumption by approximately 26%.



We hope to produce a tour of “green” buildings in town in the near future which will showcase a variety of approaches to conservation, efficiency and renewable energy.

As always, we welcome new members at any time!

Submitted by

*Nancy Mogielnicki*, Chair



Participants enjoying the 2<sup>nd</sup> Energy Expo      photo: K. Stephenson

## SENATOR MATTHEW HOUDE

January 20, 2011

Greetings,

Winter in New Hampshire is supposed to be cold and snowy and it has been just that so far! Great for skiing, sledding and snowshoeing; and for those who don't prefer these outdoor activities: reading while tucked under blankets and close by the woodstove. I hope 2011 has started off well for everyone!

The 2011-2012 legislative session is underway in Concord. As everyone knows, Republicans now have veto proof majorities in both the state House and the Senate so it is a very different political landscape than last session. I am now one of 5 Democrats in the Senate (last session, there were 14 Democratic Senators of the 24 total). Likewise, the House has a 3:1 ratio. Leadership has indicated, and I am hopeful, that much of the



session will focus on budgetary and economic issues – figuring out ways to close any budget gap, re-visiting ways to make New Hampshire even more business friendly, and continuing efforts to keep unemployment relatively low by creating incentives for businesses to hire new employees. Federal stimulus dollars are not likely going to be available any longer and therefore cannot be used to help balance the budget. Reductions in spending, more cuts to social services and the like should be expected, including reform of the state retirement system and education funding. The method that New Hampshire presently uses to fund education is likely to be debated again – along with another effort to amend the state Constitution to allow for “targeted” education aid. With the dramatic shift in power, however, it is inevitable that other topics will be re-visited by the Legislature. (Every bill that is introduced is given a public hearing.) Much news coverage followed what happened early in the session in the House (for example, the repeal of the rule banning guns in the Statehouse and a bill directing the Attorney General of New Hampshire to join a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the federal health care law). Among other topics likely to be re-visited is a repeal of the marriage equality law and potential changes to voter eligibility. (One such effort is aimed at restricting college students from voting in NH if they were resident of another state prior to matriculating.) Needless-to-say, these are not changes I would support so we’ll have to see how the session develops.

In non-partisan news, one of the bills that I am sponsoring is a bill to examine concussions and brain injury in youth sports, and ways to educate coaches, student athletes and parents about the potential risks. Several states have adopted legislation recently to implement a protocol for identification of such injuries and clearance for return to play. We want to make sure the best available protocols are in place for New Hampshire’s student athletes!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

*Matthew Houde*

**NH Senate-District 5**

[Matthew.houde@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:Matthew.houde@leg.state.nh.us)

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# REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

## School Budget

**General Position:** The Plainfield School District continues to face many challenges, and the School Board and Administration should be commended for the many hours they have spent on multiple revisions and then the final preparation of this budget. They have an ongoing need to address staffing levels with respect to the declining enrollment at the elementary school. On the other side, there has been an increase in the number of students attending Lebanon High School. Despite the additional high school tuition costs, and continued increases to employee benefits, the total expenditures decreased 1.6%.

However, reductions in the surplus and out-of-district sources, primarily the NH Adequacy Grant, result in a net increase of 2.3% of property taxes required to fund the budget. The uncertainty surrounding state and federal grants will continue to pose a budgeting question in the coming years.

The Finance Committee has some reservation regarding approximately \$12,000 in additional professional development costs. With the experience gained from this year of a multi-grade classroom, the Finance Committee believes that experience will be more effective this year in preparing the faculty for any further multi-grade configurations.

With the specter of reduced non-district funding and escalating benefit costs, the School Board will have to develop innovative revenue streams and usage of funds in order to maintain the same level of programming if it does not want to continue asking taxpayers for additional tax increases in the future.

**A.R.E.A. Agreement:** The Finance Committee strongly supports Article 3 with regard to the A.R.E.A. Agreement. The School Board should be complimented for its negotiation efforts to control high school tuition costs. Failure to pass this article could result in an increase to the budget of at least \$200,000. Passing of this measure does not guarantee such savings, as both Lebanon and Grantham must pass similar warrant articles.

**Special Education and Tuition Fund:** The Finance Committee does not support Article 4, which would provide for an additional \$40,000 to be placed in the Special Education and Tuition Reserve Fund. Out-of-district placements can cost upwards of \$100,000 per year. While the committee appreciates the School Board's desire to build such reserves in case of an influx of special education requirements, it is the position of the committee that, with the reserve fund standing in excess of \$200,000, this year is not the right time to increase the fund. The committee believes that should an emergency situation arise, a special meeting and additional budgeting in the next fiscal year could meet the increased cost to the town.

**Building Maintenance Reserve Fund Articles:** The Finance Committee supports Article 5, which will be covered by utility rebates secured by the Facilities Committee during the installation of the new heating system. The Finance Committee also supports Article 6, which helps build a small buffer in case of any further emergent capital equipment repair or loss.

### **Town Budget**

**General Position:** The 0.78% increase in the town budget maintains the same levels of service. The Finance Committee appreciates the work done by the town administration, staff and Select Board to renegotiate contracts in order to reduce their impacts on the taxpayer. The economy has also provided a hit to the town revenues in the form of reduced car registrations. This has led to the proposed 3.38% tax increase.

The Police Department has one of the largest year-over-year increases on the town budget. As with any change in leadership, there is a period of transition. The Town and Finance Committee are beginning to realize the amount of time and level of service provided by Chief Gillens. The Finance Committee recognizes that Chief Roberts has challenges in two primary areas of the Police Department budget; managing patrolman hours to meet the level of service expected by the Town and Select Board and addressing upcoming equipment requirements to provide a safe and effective department. The Finance Committee requests that the Select Board and Town Administration continue to monitor and contain future police expenses.

The Finance Committee recommends fully funding the Re-Evaluation Fund. The cost to complete the property revaluation in 2013 is roughly known, and the reserve fund is currently underfunded. To that end, the Finance Committee recommends taking \$10,000 from the Road Projects line item and placing it in the Revaluation Reserve Fund.

**Article 3:** The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 3. The reserve funds are a known cost to the town, and prevent large one-time costs from suddenly impacting the taxpayer.

**Conclusion:** The Finance Committee has only provided guidance from a fiduciary sense. It is up to the residents of the town to consider if the levels of service meet or exceed their needs. The Finance Committee encourages all residents to involve themselves early in the budget process so that they may provide their guidance to the Select Board and School Board.

**Respectfully Submitted,** *Joe Bretton, Stephen Beaupre, Scott MacLeay, Jean Strong, Douglas Adams, Maryellen Sullivan*



## MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

### 2010 Operator's Report

The extremely dry weather over the summer months was a good test of the new wells that were brought on line in 2009. The new wells performed flawlessly and no new water conservation measures were necessary. Water conservation efforts are an ongoing project required by the new well permit. NH DES fact sheets related to water conservation are mailed annually to all MVWD customers. Another aspect of water conservation was begun in 2010 with the completion of a leak detection survey performed during the summer. The survey is performed using listening devices attached to water mains throughout the system. Leaks will create audible sounds through the water main that can be heard with the aid of amplification. Highly trained people from the Granite State Rural Water Assn can differentiate between normal usage and actual leaks. No leaks were found. The master meter located at the pumphouse was calibrated and certified as part of the water conservation effort. In July the EPA came to update the GPS coordinates of all three MVWD wells. The improvement in the GPS technology since the wells were last located resulted in a difference of about 30 yards. The last of the fire hydrants were painted and the hydrants located along Main Street received new spring type flags.

Following an inspection of the lab and facilities at the wastewater treatment facility in 2009, the NH DES required the purchase of a new composite sampler. The new sampler is flow controlled so that the sample collection is proportional to the actual wastewater flow. The old sampler ran off a timer so that the sample was not as representative of actual flows. The old sampler was in service for more than twenty seven years. The Water District took advantage of the Town's Fathers Day recycling program and disposed of several old dehumidifiers, refrigerators, and the old computer printer. Work on repairing and repainting the buildings at the wastewater treatment facility was continued during the year. The two bay storage garage had a significant T 111 rot area repaired and the entire building was washed and painted. In December the EPA notified the District that it would be rewriting the NPDES discharge permit for the treatment facility. The permit expired in 2007. The new permit will likely contain several new parameters to be monitored and also will likely contain a reduction in the frequency of effluent toxicity testing which could result in a significant cost savings.

Respectfully submitted,

*William S. Taylor*, Certified Operator, Meriden Village Water District

*Donald E. Garfield*

*Jeffrey S. Albright*

*Murray Dewdney*

Commissioners, Meriden Village Water District

# THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SULLIVAN, SS.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield in the said county of Sullivan in said State, who are legal voters residing in the Meriden Village Water District, and qualified to vote in said District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield School in said Meriden Village Water District on Tuesday the fifteenth day of March 2011 at 7:30 p.m. to act upon the following subjects:

## ARTICLE I.

To choose the necessary District Officers for the ensuing year, or otherwise as the by-laws direct:

1. A moderator for one year.
2. A clerk for one year.
3. A commissioner for three years.
4. A treasurer for one year.
5. An auditor for one year.
6. Such other officers and agents as the voters may judge necessary for the managing of the District's affairs, or as may be directed by law to be chosen.

**ARTICLE II.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$205,064 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual warrant articles addressed. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE III.** To see what action the District will take with regard to the reports of the District officers.

**ARTICLE IV.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993 for replacing or upgrading the water distribution system, pursuant to RSA35:1. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

**ARTICLE V.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997 for the purpose of replacing or upgrading equipment on the wastewater treatment system, pursuant to RSA35:1. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

**ARTICLE VI.** To see what action the District will take with regard to water and sewer use charges.

**ARTICLE VII.** To enact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this eleventh day of January, 2011.

A true copy attest:

*Donated Garfield*  
*Jeffery Albright*  
*Murray Dewdney*

**MINUTES**  
**MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING**  
**MARCH 16 2010**

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Meriden Village Water District, in the town of Plainfield, County of Sullivan, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs, held at the Plainfield School on Tuesday the sixteenth of March 2010 at 7:30 p.m., the business was disposed of in the following manner:

The Annual Meeting of the Meriden Village Water District was called to order by Moderator Stephen Taylor.

**ARTICLE I.** The following resolution was offered, and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the following slate of officers be elected:

Moderator for one year:	Stephen Taylor
Clerk for one year:	Roberta Garfield
Commissioner for three years:	Murray Dewdney
Treasurer for one year:	Peter Legare

The vote was unanimous in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

**ARTICLE II.** The following resolution was offered, and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$208,402, which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual warrant articles addressed.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

**ARTICLE III.** The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the reports of District Officers be accepted as printed in the Town of Plainfield 2009 Town Report; subject to corrections, and that a corrected copy be placed on file with the District Clerk.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.



**ARTICLE IV.** The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993 for replacing or upgrading the water distribution system, pursuant to RSA35:1.  
It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

**ARTICLE V.** The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997 for the purpose of replacing or upgrading equipment on the wastewater treatment system, pursuant to RSA35:1  
It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it

**ARTICLE VI.** The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

- RESOLVED:
1. That District charges for residential sewer service remain at \$95 per quarter.
  2. That District charges for sewer service to Kimball Union Academy remain at \$8,150 per month.
  3. That District charges for sewer service to Plainfield Elementary School remain at \$500 per month.
  4. That District charges for residential water service remain at \$75 per quarter.
  5. That District charges for water service to Kimball Union Academy remain at \$4,800 per month.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

**ARTICLE VII.** There being no further business, the meeting was voted adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

*Roberta J. Garfield*  
Clerk

**Meriden Village Water District  
Water Department Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2010**

**Assets:**

Checking account balance	\$21,429
Undeposited funds	\$225
Capital Reserve Fund	\$119,014
Accounts due District: Water charges due	\$13,225
<hr/> Total Assets	<hr/> \$153,893

**Liabilities:**

Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	\$119,014
<hr/> Total Liabilities	<hr/> \$119,014

Fund Balance- Current Surplus	\$34,879
<hr/> Grand Total	<hr/> \$153,893

**Sewer Department Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2010**

**Assets:**

Checking account balance	\$45,995
Undeposited funds	\$7,557
Capital Reserve Fund	\$73,069
Accounts due District: Sewer charges due	\$16,057
<hr/> Total Assets	<hr/> \$142,678

**Liabilities:**

Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	\$73,069
<hr/> Total Liabilities	<hr/> \$73,069

Fund Balance- Current Surplus	\$69,609
<hr/> Grand Total	<hr/> \$142,678

**Meriden Village Water District  
Sewer Department**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget 2009</b>	<b>Actual 2009</b>	<b>Budget 2010</b>	<b>Actual 2010</b>	<b>Budget 2011</b>
Sewer Charges	\$120,300	\$134,380	\$130,832	\$135,052	\$124,825
Hook-up	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$415	\$0
Interest	\$0	\$69	\$0	\$53	\$0
Capital Reserve	\$9,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
Xfer from Water				\$11,400	\$0
From Surplus	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$71	\$0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$139,300</b>	<b>\$144,449</b>	<b>\$135,832</b>	<b>\$146,991</b>	<b>\$124,825</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budget 2009</b>	<b>Actual 2009</b>	<b>Budget 2010</b>	<b>Actual 2010</b>	<b>Budget 2011</b>
Office	\$550	\$0	\$500	\$1,019	\$500
Legal	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$200
Electricity	\$9,000	\$5,740	\$6,000	\$4,777	\$5,000
Insurance	\$18,500	\$21,009	\$19,000	\$20,405	\$19,000
Maintenance	\$9,000	\$12,222	\$10,000	\$9,202	\$10,000
Telephone	\$800	\$745	\$850	\$1,456	\$900
Wages	\$33,500	\$38,127	\$33,500	\$31,527	\$33,500
FICA, Medicare	\$5,400	\$5,684	\$5,500	\$4,026	\$2,550
Retirement				\$4,934	\$3,450
Interest on debt	\$10,600	\$10,569	\$10,032	\$10,032	\$9,475
Principal on debt	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$15,979	\$16,000
Supplies	\$4,000	\$2,890	\$4,000	\$4,030	\$4,000
Effluent Testing	\$12,000	\$9,800	\$12,000	\$8,515	\$6,000
Vehicle	\$750	\$159	\$750	\$74	\$750
Capital Reserve	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Xfer to Water				\$225	
Grd. Wtr.					
Monitoring	\$5,000	\$3,294	\$5,000	\$3,775	\$5,000
Blower Replacement	\$9,000	\$0	\$7,500	\$0	\$3,500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$139,300</b>	<b>\$131,337</b>	<b>\$135,832</b>	<b>\$124,977</b>	<b>\$124,825</b>



## Water Department

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget 2009</b>	<b>Actual 2009</b>	<b>Budget 2010</b>	<b>Actual 2010</b>	<b>Budget 2011</b>
Water Rents	\$75,375	\$80,904	\$74,870	\$79,841	\$76,539
Hydrant Rentals	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
Interest	\$100	\$31	\$100	\$32	\$100
From Capital Reserve	\$53,000	\$0	\$0		\$0
From Surplus	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$132,075</b>	<b>\$84,535</b>	<b>\$78,570</b>	<b>\$83,473</b>	<b>\$80,239</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budget 2009</b>	<b>Actual 2009</b>	<b>Budget 2010</b>	<b>Actual 2010</b>	<b>Budget 2011</b>
Office	\$500	\$145	\$500	\$471	\$500
Legal	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$250
Electricity	\$6,500	\$4,729	\$5,000	\$5,348	\$5,000
Insurance	\$5,250	\$4,100	\$6,050	\$6,050	\$6,319
Maintenance	\$5,000	\$4,147	\$5,000	\$8,622	\$6,500
Telephone	\$800	\$527	\$800	\$122	\$300
Wages	\$9,600	\$6,500	\$9,600	\$9,136	\$10,000
FICA, Medicare	\$1,800	\$900	\$2,000	\$2,213	\$850
Retirement				\$493	\$1,150
Interest on debt	\$19,860	\$19,860	\$19,038	\$19,038	\$18,189
Principal on debt	\$24,515	\$24,515	\$25,332	\$25,333	\$26,181
Supplies	\$2,000	\$731	\$2,000	\$1,228	\$2,000
Water Analysis	\$2,000	\$4,915	\$2,000	\$1,335	\$2,000
Capital Reserve	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
SRF Project	\$53,000	\$12,020	\$0	\$0	\$0
Xfer to Sewer				\$11,400	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$132,075</b>	<b>\$84,089</b>	<b>\$78,570</b>	<b>\$91,790</b>	<b>\$80,239</b>

**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT**  
**Commissioners' Annual Report January 2010**

The commissioners are pleased to report that 2010 came in under budget, despite our doing some expensive maintenance work. We have been fortunate in controlling our expenses, and hope to put some of that to work in the 2011 budget.

Thanks to a new rule adopted by the Department of Revenue Administration the District is now required to have an auditor. The commissioners felt it was prudent to elect an auditor at the annual district meeting, even though we are under the limit where an elected auditor would be required. The position does not require a CPA, again due to the relatively small amount of money involved. In the interim, the commissioners have appointed an interim auditor until the District meeting. The auditor's report will be available at the annual meeting.

Our 2010 two-year project to fix a variety of issues on Westgate Road was successfully completed in 2010. We replaced what turned out to be a very degraded building connection for 12 customers with larger, more easily operable valves, and continued our policy of adding fire hydrants where they make sense both for fire protection and system flushing. Our other project was replacing the anodes in the storage tank to protect it from corrosion. We had originally anticipated funding this work from our expendable trust fund, but other savings made it possible to fund it out of normal income. As a result, we will not be adding to the expendable fund this year, while still leaving it with a healthy balance. One leak repair that indirectly resulted from our 2008-2009 project showed the necessity of upgrading our system drawings, on which more will be said below. In the process of the repair we noted the presence of "drainback" valves which are a source of future potential issues and leaks. While we don't have any plans to replace them systematically, we do plan to replace them as we encounter them in our future projects.

We have completed the work on the pump controls to permit automatic operation of either well. Remaining work in that area is mostly fine adjustment. We also installed better lightning protection for the automatic control components. This year we will install a transfer switch to allow operation of the system from a generator. Our experience in 2008 showed that with a full tank we could survive a six day power outage without pumping, but we can't count on either the initial tank level, or on the length of a possible future outage.

Collections, as always, are difficult. We received payment this year on almost all of our delinquent accounts that are still active water users. Our "accounts receivable" number represents about half "old debt" (more than 180 days) and about half accounts that are one billing period overdue. We will be looking to place our non-user delinquent accounts in line for property liens this year. An unexpected issue this year was the foreclosure of some properties. The District will receive payment for those when they are sold.

The DES grant program that has brought in about \$6500 a year for the last two years was funded for the 2010 fiscal year. Again this year we are uncertain of the status of this program, which would normally be expected to yield about \$5500. Prudent budgeting means that we will not expect to receive it this year. On the other hand, our bond principal has dropped to \$20,000 annually for the remaining 9 years of the bond. The rates we reduced in January 2010 brought in sufficient funds to meet the district's expenses.

Our proposed 2011-2012 project involves hiring someone with CAD experience to prepare a set of digital drawings of the water system. Our current roll of prints, with 35 years of hand sketched additions is an interesting historical document, but increasingly difficult to work with. We are also considering the purchase of better pipeline locating tools.

Large scale flushing operations seem to have brought our long-time sediment problem somewhat more under control, though we still see more of it than we would like to. More flushing is planned for 2011.

There is plenty of work for anyone interested in helping. Please contact one of the commissioners if you're looking for opportunities.

The commissioners

*Robert Drye*  
*Henry Ingham*  
*Ralph Patalano*

**WARRANT**  
**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT**  
**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**

**SULLIVAN. SS.**

To the inhabitants of the town of Plainfield in the said county of Sullivan in the said State, who are legal voters residing in the Plainfield Village Water District, and qualified to vote in said district affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Town Hall in said Plainfield Village Water District on **Saturday the 26th of March 2011 at 10:00 a.m.,** to act upon the following subjects.

- ARTICLE I.** To choose the necessary District Officers for the ensuing year or otherwise.
1. A moderator for one year.
  2. A clerk for one year
  3. A commissioner for three years
  4. A treasurer for one year
  5. An auditor for one year
- ARTICLE II.** To see what action the district will take with regard to the reports of the district officers.
- ARTICLE III.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$60,270** to defray district expenses, and to authorize the Commissioners to direct disbursements of funds by the District Treasurer. Said sum does not include special warrant articles assessed. (Majority vote required for passage.) (The Commissioners recommend passage of this article.)



**ARTICLE IV.** To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5000** for the purpose of converting District construction drawings and records to electronic format. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or December 31, 2012, whichever is sooner, and to authorize funds for this purpose to come from the fund balance. (Majority vote required for passage.) (The Commissioners recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE V.** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 28th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two  
Thousand Eleven.

At true copy attest:

*Robert Drye*

*Henry Ingham*

*Ralph Patalano*

**Plainfield Water District  
Proposed 2011 Budget**

	<b>2010 Proposed</b>	<b>2010 Actual</b>	<b>2011 Proposed</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Water Rent	\$60,000	\$59,037	\$60,000
District Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0
Hydrant Service	\$1,250	\$0	\$0
Interest Income	\$50	\$23	\$50
Other Income	\$0	\$5,947	\$0
Transfer from Expendible	\$0	\$0	\$0
Starting cash balance	\$54,780	\$55,382	\$52,191
	<hr/> \$116,080	<hr/> \$120,389	<hr/> \$112,241

**Plainfield Village Water District Budget (continued)**

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

**Administrative**

Officers Salaries	\$1,040	\$1,040	\$1,290
Officer Expenses	\$250	\$0	\$250
Clerical Salaries	\$220	\$225	\$250
Payroll Taxes	\$760	\$236	\$500
Postage	\$300	\$366	\$400
Office Expenses	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Administrative/Legal	\$500	\$0	\$500
Insurance/Bonding	\$1,500	\$1,397	\$1,500
Total Administrative	\$5,570	\$3,263	\$5,690

**Operations**

Maintenance-Labor	\$8,000	\$6,720	\$8,000
Maintenance-Supplies	\$2,500	\$7,599	\$2,500
Maintenance-Service	\$2,500	\$3,905	\$2,500
Utilities-Electricity	\$2,000	\$2,099	\$2,100
Utilities-Propane	\$1,200	\$525	\$750
Utilities-Telephone	\$1,000	\$1,077	\$1,100
Water Sample Tests	\$3,500	\$798	\$3,500
System Improvements	\$3,500	\$1,692	\$3,500
Total Operations	\$24,200	\$24,414	\$23,950

**DEBT**

Principal	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Interest	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$9,450
Tax Anticipation Notes			
repayment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tax Anticipation Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Debt Service	\$30,500	\$30,500	\$29,450

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

	\$60,270	\$58,177	\$59,090
Article IV (2010 Warrant)	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Article V (2010 Warrant)	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Article IV (2011 Warrant)			\$5,000
	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$5,000

**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2010**

**ASSETS**

Cash	52,190
Accounts receivable	27,285
Machinery and equipment	124,288
Buildings	10,000
Land and improvements	70,000
Tank/Well project	<u>450,000</u>

Total assets	<u>\$ 733,763</u>
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**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 0
Tax Anticipation Notes	0
Bond payable –NHMBB	<u>180,000</u>
Total liabilities	180,000

**Net Assets**

Unrestricted assets	<u>553,763</u>
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Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 733,763</u>
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**MEETING MINUTES  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT  
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD  
March 27, 2010**

Moderator Jeff Moore opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.. He stated that the required warning and forms had been posted to allow for a legal meeting. A motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant was offered by Rob Drye and seconded by Ralph Patalano. A voice vote was taken and the motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant passed.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article I. He then called for the election of officers as prescribed in the warrant:

Ralph Patalano moved and Rob Drye seconded a motion that the following slate of officers be elected:

Jeffrey Moore as moderator for one year.

Margaret Drye as clerk for one year

Robert Drye as commissioner for three years

Sarah Gillens as treasurer for one year

The motion passed 7-0 on a show of hands.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article II.

The following motion was offered by Henry Ingham and seconded by Ralph Patalano:

Resolved, that the District accept the reports of District officers as published in the Town of Plainfield 2009 Annual Report on pages 92 through 99.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article III.

The following motion was offered by Rob Drye and seconded by Ralph Patalano:

Resolved, that the District raise and appropriate the sum of **\$60,270** to defray district expenses, and to authorize the Commissioners to direct disbursements of funds by the District Treasurer in accordance with the District's Administrative Guidelines. Said sum does not include special warrant articles assessed.

Rob Drye noted that the District earned less this year, but it also spent less. The biggest change was a reduction in the bond principal payment from \$25,000 to \$20,000.

Rob Drye moved and Henry Ingham seconded a motion to vote by a show of hands. That motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Moderator then called for a show of hands .

Motion vote: YES – 7, NO – 0 Declared passed.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article IV.

The following motion was offered by Rob Drye and seconded by Ralph Patalano:

:

Resolved, that the District raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5000** to be placed in the System Maintenance Fund established in 2007 pursuant to RSA31:19-a, and to authorize funds for this purpose to come from the fund balance.

Rob Drye noted that there will be some money expended from this fund in the upcoming year for tank maintenance.

Motion vote: YES – 7, NO – 0 Declared passed.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article V.

The following motion was offered by Ralph Patalano and seconded by Rob Drye.

:

Resolved, that the District raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5000** for the purpose of reconstructing distribution piping serving twelve condominium units on Westgate Road, along with a fire hydrant. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or December 31, 2011, whichever is sooner, and to authorize funds for this purpose to come from the fund balance.

Motion vote: YES – 7, NO – 0 Declared passed.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article VI.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Ron Bailey and seconded by Sarah Gillens. A voice vote was taken. Moderator Jeff Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margaret Drye*  
District Clerk

March 27, 2010

### MARRIAGES 2010

DATE	GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE	TOWN OF ISSUANCE	TOWN OF MARRIAGE
01/06/2010	Kinyon, Stephen S O'Steen, Catherine J	Stoddard, WI Plainfield	Plainfield	Hanover
05/30/2010	Steck, David C Bello, Katherine J	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
06/23/2010	Hoffman, Nicholas M Ferro, Alyson M	Plainfield Woburn, MA	Salem	Salem
06/26/2010	LaFlam, Jonathan A Zappulla, Stephanie M	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
07/17/2010	Mulherin, Wayne M Barna, Susan M	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Lebanon
08/09/2010	Tucker, Matthew R Underhill, Melissa A	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Enfield
08/21/2010	Lubanski, David M Franklin, Laura J	Caldwell, NJ Caldwell, NJ	Plainfield	Plainfield
08/22/2010	Heroy, Daniel A Chu, Sarina A	Plainfield W. Hartford, VT	Hanover	Plainfield
09/11/2010	Martin, Nicholas S Smarsik, Samantha M	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
10/10/2010	Minske, Erik R Boomhower, Karen L	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield



### BIRTHS – 2009

<b>D.O.B.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>FATHER</b>	<b>MOTHER</b>
04/15/2009	Tucker, Bryson Chase	Lebanon, NH	Tucker, Matthew	Underhill, Melissa

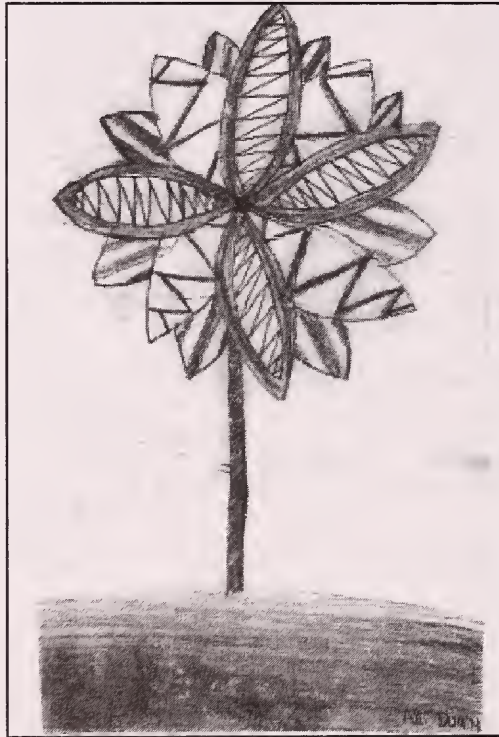
### BIRTHS – 2010

<b>D.O.B.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>FATHER</b>	<b>MOTHER</b>
01/23/2010	Bretton, Clairette Louise Fleming	Lebanon, NH	Bretton, Joseph	Fleming, Evelyn
03/17/2010	Pearse, Andrew William	Lebanon, NH	Pearse, Erik	Pearse, Shauna
04/08/2010	Balch, William Alexander	Lebanon, NH	Molina, Daniel	Balch, Melissa
04/10/2010	Rago-Wilbur, Addison Kimberly	Lebanon, NH	Rago, Charles	Wilbur, Katie
05/02/2010	Hewett, Nolan Gray	Lebanon, NH	Hewett Jr, Robert	Hall Hewett, Nicole
05/07/2010	Gaudet, Charlotte Emmie	Lebanon, NH	Gaudet, Justin	Gaudet, Melisa
05/27/2010	Lapan, Derik Vachon	Lebanon, NH	Lapan, Dana	Joslyn, Sabrina
06/02/2010	Sands, Ryan William	Lebanon, NH	Sands, John	Sands, Emily
06/18/2010	Falcone, Paige Daniela	Lebanon, NH	Falcone, Daniel	Falcone, Megan
06/21/2010	Skinner, Evelyn Maeve	Lebanon, NH	Skinner, Colin	Skinner, Laurie
07/21/2010	Downs, Simon Roy	Lebanon, NH	Downs, Martin	Downs, Zara
08/06/2010	Rea, Israel Royal M.B.	Lebanon, NH	Rea, Scott	Rea, Andrea
08/09/2010	Henderson, Hannah Elizabeth	Lebanon, NH	Henderson, Lucas	Henderson, Jennifer
11/12/2010	Surrette, Madison Cailen	Lebanon, NH	Surrette III, Richard	Surrette, Jessica

### DEATHS – 2010

01/02/2010	Horne, Angelo	Lebanon	Horne, Benjamin	Pinkham, Etta
01/04/2010	Schelewa, Charles	Lebanon	Schelewa, Irving	Malcowitz, Martha
03/19/2010	Rice Sr, Robert	Lebanon	Rice, George	Austin, Lila
04/12/2010	Smith, David	Plainfield	Smith, Bruce	Selby, Gladys
04/13/2010	Liston, Ronald	Plainfield	Liston, William	Morrison, Ruby
05/17/2010	Tibbetts, Grace	Plainfield	Johnson, John	Johnson, Julia
06/12/2010	Riley, William	Plainfield	Unknown	Unknown
06/24/2010	Koehler, George	Plainfield	Koehler, Leonard	Zink, Marie
07/02/2010	Crary Sr, James	Plainfield	Crary, Charles	Wheeler, Ernestine
07/03/2010	Bellavance, Julien	Plainfield	Bellavance, Napoleon	Bellavance, Julien
09/06/2010	Tibbetts, Carrie	Lebanon	Bean, Phillip	Burnham, Blanche
10/30/2010	Hazelton, Howard	Plainfield	Hazelton, Walter	Gilson, Rae
11/01/2010	Wills, Parmly	Lebanon	Wills, Raymond	Keyes, Katherine

**ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2010**



*Allison Duany*



**ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010**

**OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MODERATOR**

Stephen Taylor

**CLERK**

Stephanie Berman

**TREASURER**

Jeffrey Moore

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**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

Doug Cogan  
(Term expires 2011)

Myra Ferguson  
(Term expires 2013)

Chris Forman – Board Chair  
(Term expires 2012)

Brian Garfield  
(Term expires 2013)

Mike Sutherland  
(Term Expires 2012)

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**PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

Ellen Langsner

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**CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Noelle Vitt

**DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Nancy Brogden, Ph.D.

**ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR**

Beth Bierwirth

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Joan Nierenberg

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WARRANT  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Sullivan, ss:     School District of Plainfield**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Plainfield, in the County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Elementary School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield, New Hampshire, on Friday, the fourth day of March, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. to act on the following subjects:

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| Article I.   | To see what action the District will take with respect to reports of District officers.   |
| Article II.  | To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,046,824 for the support of schools, for payment of salaries to school district officials and agents, and for the payments of the statutory obligations of the District for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)  |
| Article III. | To see if the District will approve the A.R.E.A. agreement with Lebanon and Grantham, according to RSA 195:4; said agreement having been approved by the NH Department of Education, the Plainfield School Board, the Grantham School Board, and the Lebanon School Board. (The School Board recommends this article.)  |
| Article IV.  | To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 (forty thousand dollars) to be placed in the Special Education and Tuition Reserve Fund created in 2000 pursuant to RSA 35:1-C, for the purpose of either special education expenses or tuition expenses or both. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)   |
| Article V.   | To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$35,000 (thirty five thousand dollars), with such amount to be funded from the year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1, to be placed in the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund created in 1997 pursuant to RSA 35:1-c, for the purpose of repairs, maintenance, and/or renovations to the Plainfield Elementary School facility. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) |
| Article VI.  | To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) to be placed in the Building Maintenance   |

Reserve Fund created in 1997 pursuant to RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of repairs, maintenance, and/or renovations to the Plainfield Elementary School facility. (The School Board recommends this action.)

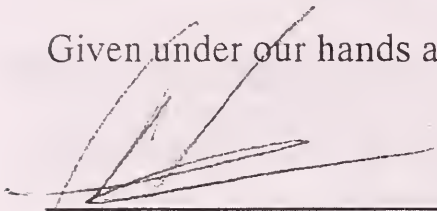
Article VII. To see if the District will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield residents to advise the School Board in the area of the School District Budget. (The School Board recommends this action.)

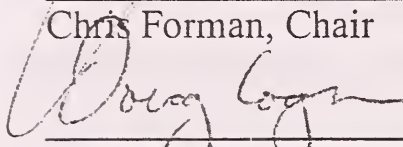
Article VIII. To transact any other business that may come before this meeting.

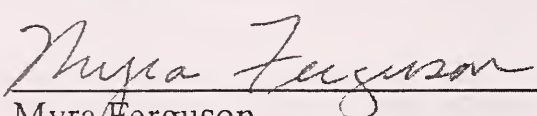


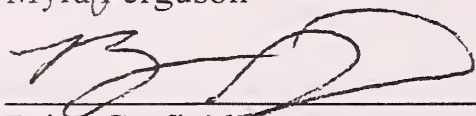
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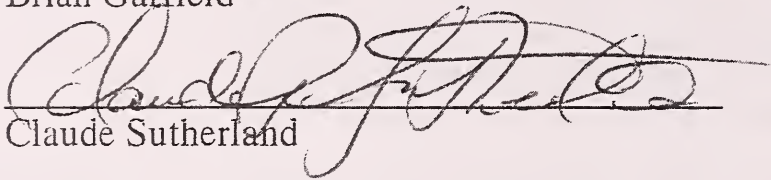
Given under our hands at said Plainfield this 25th day of January, 2011.

  
Chris Forman, Chair

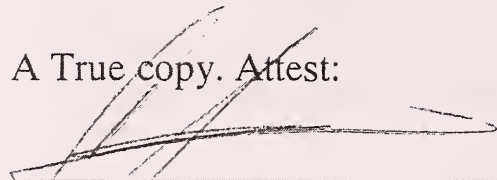
  
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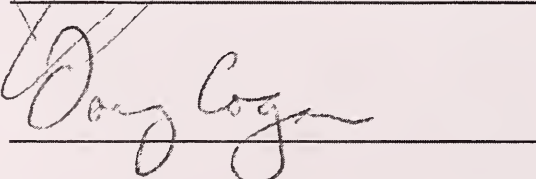
  
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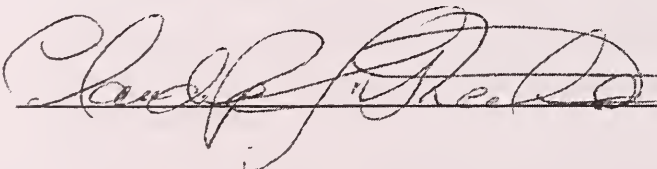
  
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**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

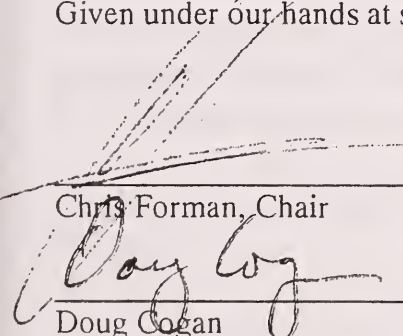
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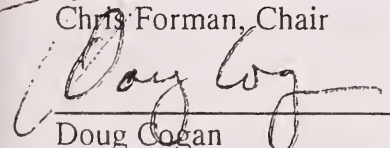
You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Elementary School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. to act on the following subjects:

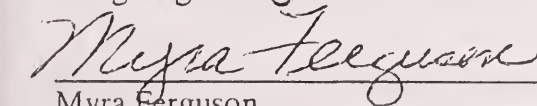
Article I. To choose by ballot a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer for a one-year term, and one School Board Member for three-year term. (Polls will open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.)

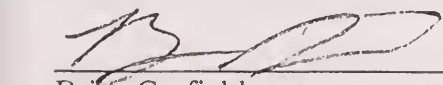
NOTE: All other school business will be considered at the School District Meeting to be held on Friday, March 4, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at the Plainfield Elementary School.

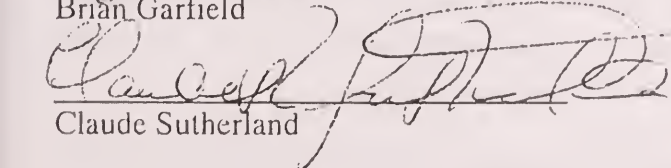
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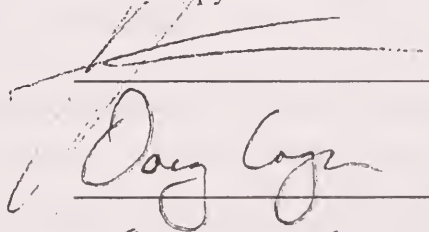
  
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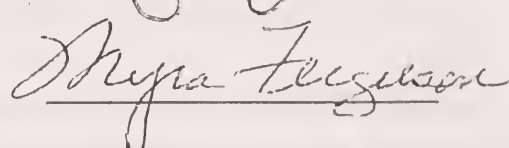
  
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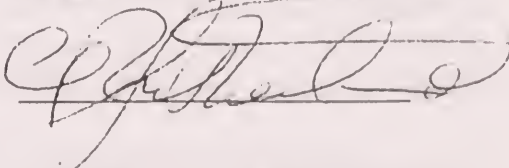
  
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Plainfield School Board

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
ANNUAL MEETING – MARCH 6, 2010**

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At a legal meeting of the voters of the School District of Plainfield, Moderator Stephen H. Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:15AM on Saturday, March 6, 2010, at the Plainfield School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by the Reverend Susan Gregory-Davis who delivered the invocation with words of inspiration.

The Moderator introduced the Clerk, School Board, Legal Counsel (Attorney Cappy Nunlist), and Professional Staff (Superintendent Noelle Vitt, Principal Ellen Langsner, and Special Education Director Nancy Brogden)

The Moderator explained the rules of the meeting and read the statement by Stephanie Trout Berman, Clerk of the School District of Plainfield, NH, that hereby certifies that on the 19<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2010, the posting of the true and attested copy of the within warrant at the Plainfield School, the Meriden Town Hall and the Plainfield Town Hall, said locations being public places within the district. Notarized by Beth Bierwirth, Notary Public.

Two announcements were made during the meeting:

1) Fran Hills, who has taught at Plainfield School for 30 years will retire this June. On August 8<sup>th</sup> of last year, Fran received the Christa McAuliffe Leadership Award from NEA-New Hampshire. This award is an incredible and well-deserved honor, presented to one New Hampshire teacher each year for outstanding service to the cause of public education. On behalf of the Board we would like to thank Fran for her enthusiasm, humor, dedication, and wisdom. She has had a significant impact on the lives of Plainfield students and on Plainfield School and she will be missed. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

2) Audra Bucklin was recognized and thanked by the School Board, for her many hours of dedicated, hard, honest work that she brought to the Board for 6 years. Audra is well known for her communication skills, educating the public with communication initiatives for the Plainfield School budget, finances and monies while always keeping the students needs first and foremost. Thank you so much for all the hours you have dedicated to this Board and the town.

The Moderator then read the Certification of Posting and Certification of the Checklist, noting that 1618 names were listed on the Checklist. Exits were pointed out for all to note.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant. The vote by voice was in the affirmative.



**ARTICLE I:** The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District accepts the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and other officers as printed in the annual report.

The vote by voice was in the affirmative and it was so declared.

Mike Anikis moved to change the order to start the meeting with Article IV being discussed first. The request to change the order was seconded by 7 people. A voice vote was taken, with the “Ayes” having the majority of the vote. Article IV was then discussed out of order: skipping to and beginning with Article IV.

**ARTICLE IV** The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,686,833 for the support of schools, for payment of salaries to school district officials and agents, and for the payments of the statutory obligations of the District for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Audra Bucklin and Chris Forman presented the slideshow explaining the Summary of Financial Articles, PES Budget Change, PES Tax change, Enrollment numbers, Budget Summary, Classroom Structure, High School Budgeting, Revenue Highlights, and Support staff/Teachers Financial changes/Operations.

A motion to open the floor to debate and discussion was offered. Discussions followed.

Frank Perotti offered an amendment to move to increase the budget by \$30,384 for the purpose of restoring technology equipment that was cut from the budget during the budget preparation process. If the amendment were approved, the budget would equal \$5,717,217.

The vote by secret ballot on the amendment by Frank Perotti resulted in:

YES      73                      NO      263

The vote was in the negative, the amendment lost, and it was so declared.

The voters then had to vote on the original budget set by the PES School Board in Article IV for the amount of \$5,686,833 by secret ballot.

The vote for Article IV by secret ballot resulted in:

The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared.

**ARTICLE II:** The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,000 for renovation of the building through improved insulation and air sealing and to authorize the issuance of \$275,000 by the issue of bonds or notes of the School District in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA CH.33) and to raise the appropriate up to the sum of \$6,233.33 for the purpose of payment for the first year interest payment on the bond. (2/3 secret ballot votes required)

Steve Taylor explained the 'Bond' procedures required by law. Dewey Jones proved the ballot box was empty to the voters.

A slideshow was presented by 3 members of the Facilities Committee; Mike Higgins, Bill Knight and Marc Rosenbaum. The slideshow explained the Prototype Classroom benefits and performance over the last year. Jim Sheehan commented in the positive about his classroom that was used for the Prototype.

After much discussion, the vote by secret ballot (per 'Bond' Rules by law) was open for one hour. Voting started at 2:15PM and ended by closing voting at 3:15 PM. The School District Clerk checked in each voter.

Vote by secret ballot on Article II resulted in:

YES 188

NO 57

The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared. The Bond vote (Article II) passed by 2/3 votes as required by law.

**ARTICLE III:** The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65, 000 (sixty five thousand dollars) for the partial replacement of the roof and to authorize the issuance of \$65,000 by the issue of bonds or notes of the School District in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Ch. 33) and to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$1,473.33 for the purpose of payment for the first year interest payment on the bond. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) (2/3-ballot votes required.)

The Facilities Committee member Bill Knight gave a slideshow presentation detailing why this bond is necessary. Discussion with questions and answers followed. A 2/3 vote is necessary for passing this Article. Because the dollar amount is under \$100,000 the regular tear off ballots may be used.

The vote by secret ballot on Article III resulted in:

YES	151	NO	33
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The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted and it was so declared.

**ARTICLE V:** The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: The District will vote to approve the cost items included in the two-year collective bargaining agreement reached during good faith negotiations between the Plainfield School Board and the Plainfield Support Staff Association, which calls for the following increase in support staff salaries and benefits: (The money amounts written below have been corrected in these minutes from the Town posted Articles)

Year	Estimated Increase
2010-2011	<u>\$ 16,477</u>
2011-2012	<u>\$ 21,580</u>

And further to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,477 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

Myra Ferguson explained to the voters that the support staff contract includes automatic step increases.

Questions and discussion ensued.

The vote by secret ballot for Article V resulted in:

YES	129	NO	50
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The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted and it was so declared.



**ARTICLE VI:** The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in the two-year collective bargaining agreement reached during good faith negotiations between the Plainfield School Board and the Plainfield Education Association, which calls for the following increase in support staff salaries and benefits

Year	Estimated Increase
2010-2011	<u>\$ 31,595</u>
2011-2012	<u>\$ 58,269</u>

And further to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,595 (thirty one thousand five hundred ninety five dollars) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

Mike Sutherland explained to the voters that the teacher contract includes automatic step increases.

Short discussion ensued.

The vote by secret ballot for Article VI resulted in:

YES	110	NO	58
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The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted and it was so declared.

A motion was moved by Rob Drye to change order and to discuss Article XII before discussing Article VII.

Moderator Steve Taylor asked for a show of hands vote. A show of hands vote was counted for yes, which resulted in 42 votes. A separate show of hands vote was counted for no, which resulted in a count of 53.

The results:

YES	42	NO	53
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The show of hands vote was in the negative, the move was lost and it was so declared.

**ARTICLE VII:** The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: To see if the District will support participation in a formal Review of the A.R.E.A. agreement with Lebanon and Grantham, according to \*RSA 195:14 . \*(This is corrected in these notes to reflect the correct RSA 195:14)

Rob Drye corrected the RSA Number from RSA195:4 to RSA195:14. The Moderator, School Board and Lawyer all agree with the correction.

Much discussion ensued and then votes were taken by voice vote.

The unanimous vote by voice was in the affirmative.

<b>AYES</b>	<b>all</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>none</b>
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The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted and it was so declared.

**ARTICLE VIII:** The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,432 (thirty-nine thousand four hundred thirty-two dollars) to be placed in the Special Education and Tuition Reserve Fund created in 2000 pursuant to RSA 35:1-C, for the purpose of either special education expenses or tuition expenses or both.

Short discussion ensued.

The vote by secret ballot for Article VIII resulted in:

<b>YES</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>37</b>
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The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted and it was so declared.

**ARTICLE IX:** The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: The District, upon failure to pass Article II, will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 (forty thousand dollars) to be placed in the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund created in 1997 pursuant to RSA 35:1-c, for the

purpose of repairs, maintenance, and/or renovations to the Plainfield Elementary School facility. THIS IS A CONTIGENCY IF THE BOND FAILS IN ARTICLE III.

Doug Cogan, due to the Passing of Article III, tabled this Article.

**ARTICLE X:**               The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved:   The District will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to be placed in the Benefits Payable expendable trust fund created in 2008 pursuant to RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of retirement and other employee benefits.

Minimal discussion ensued.

The vote by secret ballot for Article X resulted in:

YES	70	NO	27
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The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted and it was so declared.

**ARTICLE XI:**               The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved:   To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$1.00 for the creation of a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1,II for the construction, reconstruction, or acquisition of a type of capital improvement or the acquisition of a type of capital equipment.

A discussion ensued. Voters had many questions about the wording and the purpose of the Article.

Steve Halleran tabled the discussion for this year.

Article XI was tabled and seconded.

**ARTICLE XII:**               The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved:   To see if the District will vote to establish a committee to study the feasibility and advisability of withdrawing the District from the A.R.E.A. contract with the Lebanon School District as provided in RSA 195-A:14 section III, and report its findings and propose appropriate action at the next district meeting; and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the said



committee to conduct investigation and analysis of the accounting and contractual bases used in the calculation of Lebanon High School tuition over the last five years.

Discussions ensued about the clarity of the wording and reasoning why 2 committees should be formed.

Ted Moynihan motioned that the District establish a committee to study the feasibility and advisability of withdrawing the District from the A.R.E.A. contract with the Lebanon School District as provided in RSA 195-A:14 section III, and report its findings and propose appropriate action at the next district meeting; and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the said committee to conduct investigation and analysis of the accounting and contractual bases used in the calculation of Lebanon High School tuition over the last five years.

More discussion ensued.

The vote by secret ballot for Article XII resulted in:

YES	16	NO	76
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The vote was in the negative, the amendment lost, and it was so declared.

**ARTICLE XIII:** The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: To transact any other business that may come before this meeting.

No other business was brought to the meeting.

Moderator Stephen Taylor adjourned the meeting at 1700 after the “Ayes had it “ and agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stephanie Trout Berman*  
Plainfield School District Clerk

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
ELECTION MEETING – MARCH 9, 2010**

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The election of School District officials took place at the same time and place as the election of Town officials on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at the Plainfield School in the Village of Meriden, in said Plainfield, NH. Moderator Stephen H. Taylor declared the meeting open at 08:00 AM and read the School District Warrant and certification of posting provided by the School District Clerk. The ballot boxes were determined empty.

The polls closed at 7:00 PM

**ARTICLE I: Balloting results were as follows:**

**For School District Moderator (1 Year):**

<b>Stephen H. Taylor</b>	<b>269</b>
Paul Franklin	6

Diane Rogers, and George Koehler both had one vote each.

**Elected: Stephen H. Taylor**

**For School District Clerk (1 Year):**

<b>Stephanie Trout Berman</b>	<b>281</b>
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Laura Ward, Boone Rondeau, Kelly Taylor, Jim Taylor all had one vote each.

**Elected: Stephanie Trout Berman**

**For School District Treasurer (1 Year):**

<b>Jeffrey C. Moore</b>	<b>280</b>
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Deb Beaupre, Brian Bouchier both had one vote each.

**Elected: Jeffrey C. Moore**

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**Two For School Board (3 Years each):**

**Brian Garfield** 220

**Myra Ferguson** 194

Laura Ward 81

Shelley Andrews, Diane Rogers,  
Dennis Girouard, Anne Sprague,  
Audra Bucklin, Michelle Marsh, all  
had one vote each.

**Elected: Brian Garfield, and  
Myra Ferguson**

Stephen H. Taylor, Myra Ferguson, and Stephanie Trout Berman were sworn into office on this date and time. Jeff Moore was sworn into office on March 10, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stephanie Trout Berman*  
Plainfield School District Clerk



## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

### Superintendent's Report

This has been a very solid and strong year for us at as a school and District. This is an exceptional school community that prides itself on dealing with the issues at hand while caring for the needs of all those affected.

In May, 2010, the administration met with the School Board on future direction and strategic efforts for the coming year. From health care discussions with staff, budget presentations, and enrollment monitoring, we have been able to support good decision making for the Board through information generation.

From the District perspective, we have strengthened **communications** both internally and externally using the website, newsletter and public media. We have kept information and various ideas in front of all our constituencies, increasing transparency through our use of press releases and updates about building projects, public dialogue about the budget and various grade configurations and staffing needs for students.

We have done a good job monitoring **enrollment** and making reasonable projections for the coming years. Five years ago, the District added staff positions just as enrollment was beginning to decrease. Enrollment has changed from 302 in 2005-6 to a projected 239 for 2011-12. We have sought to reduce staff through attrition rather than laying staff off. Again this year, we are fortunate to be able to reduce full time staff through retirement rather than through ridding. We are able to reduce some of the special education staffing based on student needs. We continue to monitor enrollment closely through a variety of sources, knowing that a few unexpected move-ins can change our enrollment

**Contracted services** are a part of almost every area of our budget. We have vigorously sought to maintain quality in all areas needed while seeking competitive pricing. We are happy to note that we have negotiated a new **bus contract** that will save the District money while providing excellent service. **Special education transportation** is a valued service. We are delighted that our van can transport a number of students who need this service at a greatly reduced cost compared to area providers. We continue to bring quality to our **food service** program while maintaining cost effectiveness as possible. Our challenge is that as enrollment shrinks, it is difficult to maintain the program as the number of meals purchased is not keeping pace with increased costs.

Financial management and reporting has been excellent this year. Ellen Langsner and the Superintendent work effectively and collaboratively to oversee spending decisions for the school and District. I do want to recognize and thank Beth Bierwirth for her growth in expertise and confidence with which she met the financial reporting requirements this year, including the budget process.

One of the hallmarks of an effective school is the internal communication and collaboration among administration, Board and staff. With all the challenges of change in this District, I express my appreciation first to Ellen Langsner, Nancy Brogden, Beth Bierwirth, Joan Nierenberg, Bill Knight and Lisa Gradijan for the cooperative spirit that makes all the difference in a school well run.

In closing, I want to thank the Plainfield School Board for their tireless work on behalf of the children, staff of the school and the community. It is certainly an important factor for a superintendent to have such an excellent and hardworking Board.

### **Principal's Report**

For the third year, Plainfield School continues its quest to reduce costs in response to declining enrollment and shrinking revenues. Six years ago, we had just over 300 students enrolled in grades K-8. This year we have approximately 250 students. Next year we project fewer than 240 students and 225 students the following year. Clearly we have to respond to reductions of this magnitude, but it is such a difficult process for all of us. We take such pride in our school: the work that is done with students, the family feeling, the reaching out and helping each other. It hurts to think of changing what has worked so well for so many years. Yet, as the saying goes, change is the only constant in life.

This past year, we trimmed our staff by two regular education teachers. We did this by combining grades 5 and 6 into three 5/6 multi-grade classes and running only one large second grade class. It was a bit chaotic for the first three weeks of school this year, but adjustments were made and students settled in. At mid-year the multi-grade classes have been absorbed into the fiber of the school pretty seamlessly. Our teachers are still the same great teachers they have always been, although they are bit more careworn as it does take some additional planning and collaboration to run an effective multi-grade program.

We have been lucky so far in that we have only had one new student move into the second grade class (compared with 4 who moved into third grade) making for a total of 22 students. We made sure the classroom teacher had a regular education assistant to help educate all those young minds. This is always a risk with large classes. If one or two students move into town, all of a sudden the class size becomes so big that teaching techniques need to be altered. It is much more difficult to teach a class of 22, 23, 24, 25 students than it is a class of 18-20. Of course, the disposition of individual students can make a significant difference as well.

The challenge the school is facing is how to continue to educate its students in the same or better manner and make adjustments for the dwindling population. The numbers at each grade level vary significantly, anywhere from 14 students in kindergarten to 33 students in grades 3 and 7. It is difficult to recommend changes that ensure some consistency and equity in class size.

So we've adjusted by creating multi-grade classes at 5/6. The idea was to continue this consolidation at grades 3/4, and eventually 7/8. We need time at grades 5-8 to ensure teachers are highly qualified in specific subject matter. The hope is to keep small straight grade classes in kindergarten through second grade when students are learning basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics.

To ease any transitions ahead, the staff and I have been involved in learning more about differentiated instruction. Differentiated learning means being more deliberate when designing activities for students who learn at different rates and who have different learning styles. It means providing students with different avenues through which to learn



the content. It does take longer to plan differentiated lessons and to gather a variety of resources.

In my research about adopting multi-grade teaching, I found several recommendations that other districts have found critical when they implemented multi-grade classes. Several have budgetary implications. Teachers need to have time to plan, more physical resources in the classroom for a greater range of student readiness, and training in how to manage multi-grade classes. In this budget you will see some increases in some regular education budget lines such as supplies, textbooks, and equipment. This ensures teachers have the tools they need to deliver quality instruction to an increasingly diverse set of learners. You will also see an increase in professional development. These funds are intended to provide any training to staff that they may require. It may be training in a particular content area or technique. It may be coaching throughout the school year or it may be planning undertaken over the summer.

**Special Education Report**

Nancy Brogden, Director of Special Services, reported to the Board about services provided to Plainfield students under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) and Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Board had asked her to research comparisons among area towns of the numbers of paraprofessionals serving in different schools. The Special Education Team continues to work on developing and using a document “Consideration of Paraprofessional Support Services”. Documenting the need for special education paras, considering the need for them in the classroom and developing fading plans for their service is the focus of this work.

“Childfind”, the IDEA mandate for seeking out children who might have special needs, is ongoing. For the last two years we have had quite a few preschool age children referred for services. Currently we are providing direct services to 5 preschool age children, two are not receiving services but are on a “watch” and we are aware of two more who will turn 3 in the next year.

Following is a listing of Special Education and Section 504 services provided to students, as of January 2011.

<u>School</u>	<u>Students with IEPs</u>	<u>Students with 504 plans</u>
PES (Pre- Grade 8) (Total 48)	34	14
LHS (Grade 9-age 21)	14	11
Charter School (Total 26)	1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Percent of PES students on IEPs: 13.3% (1/18/11)</li><li>Percent of PES students on 504 plans: 5.05%</li><li>Total percent of students at PES that receive direct individual support services from special education team: 18.8%</li></ul>		



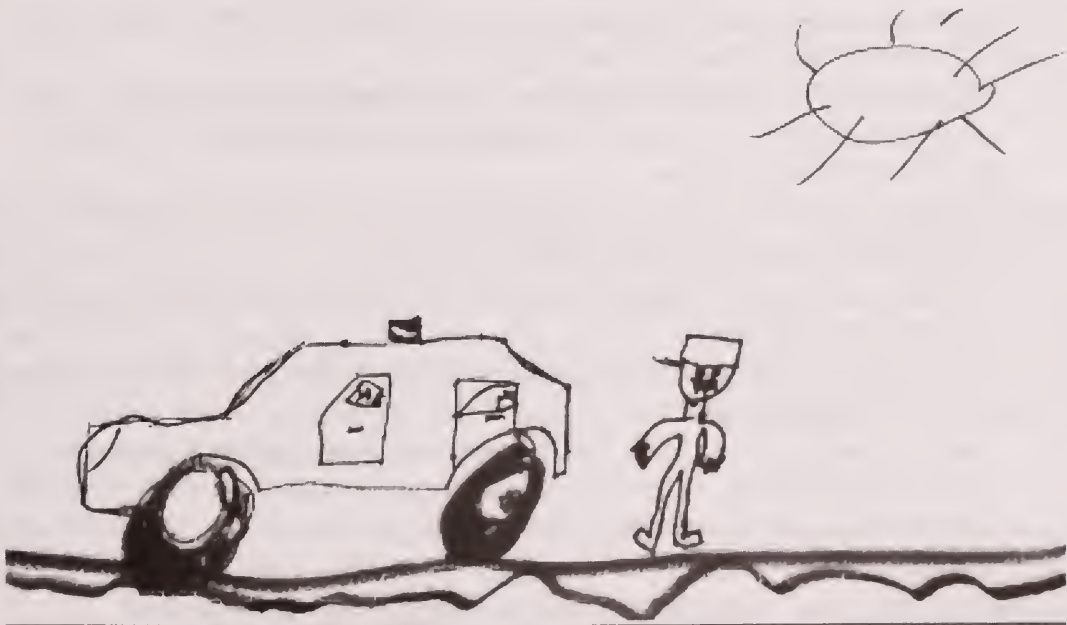
*Note: This does not include students who receive support for at risk reading, math tutoring, social work (behavioral) issues or guidance services.*

**Other information:**

- Number of out of district placements : **2** (½ day programs)
- Number of students receiving individual speech services: **20**
- Number of students receiving individual occupation therapy services: **16**
- Number of students receiving individual physical therapy services: **5**

\$58,970 in Federal Funds under IDEIA and the second half (\$28,000) from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (AARA) will supplement portions of the 2010-2011 budget. The AARA funds must be expended by September 30, 2011.

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Respectfully submitted,  
*Noelle G. Vitt*, Superintendent  
*Ellen Langsner*, Principal  
*Nancy Brogden, Ph.D.*, Director of Special Education



*Noah Mekus*

## SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Plainfield Elementary School (PES) continues to be an institution in transition.

As a series of large 8th grade classes graduate and are replaced by smaller cohorts in Kindergarten, our enrollment in our K-8 school on Bonner Road continues to drop while our student population (and our tuition expense) at Lebanon High School continues to increase. Simultaneously, NH State Adequacy Aid for Plainfield in the upcoming fiscal year is projected to drop by more than \$165,000. This 'triple threat' of fewer children in K-8, enrollment driven increases in high school tuition expense, and significantly lower NH State Adequacy Aid has necessitated changes in the structure and operation of PES. The board believes the budget and organizational changes outlined below represents a balance between providing for our children's education and the real need to manage the tax impact on our community.

### Report & Information For School District Meeting

#### **Main Budget (Article II)**

The PES budget process started in November with the development of the following seven principles to guide the decisions and debate of the board:

- Staff PES based on enrollment with preference given to maintaining lower student to teacher ratios in the primary grades. Additionally, when circumstances create a “one-year event” of higher or lower student census in a specific grade, an alternative staffing assignment, which maintains instructional continuity, will be considered.
- Continue the practice of returning to the taxpayers an amount equal to any tuition surplus created in the budget.
- Give priority to the staff development needs, instructional materials, and equipment needed to support the continuing evolution of our curriculum and instructional program.
- Continue to invest in our school building to insure a sound and healthy learning environment for our students and staff.
- Provide administrative support through flexible/alternative staffing models, technology and training.
- Continue to modify our school building in ways that reduce its energy use and cost of maintenance.
- Take advantage of available funding opportunities, including grants or other shared funding. Whenever possible, funds from these sources will be used to reduce the community tax burden.

Using these principles as guides (and after hundreds of hours of hard work by the administration & staff, 8 budget focused school board meetings, 6 draft budgets, 4 meetings with the finance committee, a town-hall meeting with teachers & staff, a joint meeting with the Select Board, and a public budget hearing) the School Board approved a budget of \$6,046,824 – a 1.63% decrease over the 2010/11 school budget.

## Key characteristics of the 2011/12 budget are:

- The elimination of 1.2FT teacher positions, 1 FT Special Education Assistant, and our .2FT Athletic Director position to match our staffing levels with changes in the PES student population. These staff reductions were accomplished through a mix of retirement (Betty Ann Heisted) and a reduction-in-force (Special Education Assistant & .2 Unified Arts Teacher). We have reorganized the remaining regular education instructors so we will have three 3rd/4th grade teachers next year rather than four. Our current AD will resume being a dedicated, FT Physical Education teacher.
- A reduction of \$50,000 in debt expense thanks to the retirement of the '2000 Addition' bond;
- An increase in the LHS Tuition line item by \$96,671 to account for an increase in our high school population;
- An increase of \$24,459 to account for mandated PES contributions to the state employees retirement fund;
- An increase of \$19,195 for new school equipment and furniture – including special science tables for our 7th/8th science class that have previously been cut from the budget;
- An increase of \$12,299 in technology services spending to ensure computer systems work when needed in the classroom and the front office.
- A one-time increase of \$12,000 in professional development to support recent and proposed changes to multi-age instruction in PES.
- A reduction of \$58,384 in the Special Education Tuition line item (NOTE: The School Board will be asking to place a large portion of this amount in our Tuition/Special Education Reserve fund. If the warrant article is approved, the reduction of this line-item will not result in any direct savings to the tax payer.

Even though our general education expenses have decreased by over \$100,000 (1.63%), Plainfield taxpayers will be asked to provide an additional \$108,567 (2.34%) in local tax support in large part because of reductions in State & Federal Aid. Due to our drop in enrollment and changes in NH State Adequacy Aid funding, PES will receive \$ 165,106 less than 2011/12 – a year-on-year reduction of 19.6%. This reduction is on top of a \$25,302 decrease in 2010/11. The School Board does not expect this funding trend to recover in the coming years.

The School Board has also directed that the following organizational changes be made:

- A restructuring of support provided by Regular Education Assistants by concentrating that support in the mornings and by using four part-time aides instead of one full-time aide. The use of part-time, non-benefited aides will have the effect of doubling the number of aide hours in the classroom without increasing expense.
- A unanimous commitment by the Board to move toward a multi-grade instructional philosophy, where appropriate, in the coming years with a focus on differentiated instruction in every classroom.



Without question, the most controversial issue of this budget cycle was the proposal to organize the third and fourth grade classroom into three multi-grade sections in the coming fiscal year. After extensive public and staff comment, this change is favored by a majority of the Board, but the final decision has not been made as of this writing.

The arguments in favor of this decision focused on:

- PES is a small school and getting smaller.
- Multi-grade structure allows the greatest organization flexibility for small schools to manage the enrollment fluctuations across grades.
- Multi-grade organization ensures that no one class goes through PES either consistently small or consistently large.
- Research indicates that multi-grade instruction provides equal outcomes to straight grade instruction when implemented effectively
- PES has effectively implemented multi-grade instruction in 5th & 6th grade
- PES has a history of using multi-grade instruction with positive results.

The arguments made against this course of action focused on:

- Implementation of multi-grade instruction in 5th & 6th grade was rough and some children suffered in the transition. The school could wait for another year of data and feedback to inform a more successful implementation of the proposed model.
- PES has undergone substantial change in the last three years and needs a 'break' from additional transitions.
- Multi-grade instruction may not be in the best interest of all learners and will impact the ability of some children to reach their potential.
- The staff and a number of parents feel that more time is needed to implement this change effectively.
- There are other cost neutral solutions that are better suited to PES.

Whether implemented in 2011-12 or later, the school board and administration are dedicated to making the implementation of this policy successful. A review of the 5th/6th grade multi-age program has been completed to understand how to improve the transition for students, staff, and parents. From that analysis, additional planning time and resources will be made available to our 3rd & 4th grade staffs for the transition. A strategic communication plan will be drafted to educate parents and children about the changes they will experience. Finally, additional budget dollars have been added for professional development, and extra support will be provided in the form of regular education aide hours.

### **AREA Agreement (Article III)**

The School Board recommends approval of an article adopting the newly negotiated AREA Agreement between the Plainfield, Grantham and Lebanon School Districts. The new agreement provides a structure for tuition calculations which is well documented, which levels costs by using a three year average of Lebanon's actual expenses (2 yrs) and projected expenses (1 yr), and which places a cap on future tuition increases that is tied to increases in Lebanon's overall school budget. We believe this new tuition calculation model protects the interests of Plainfield School and of Plainfield's taxpayers. In addition, the proposed agreement defines and protects our right to participate with Lebanon in the instructional and financial decision making processes that impact our students. We will have a non-voting member on the Lebanon School Board's Finance and Education

committees, and we will receive a defined schedule of reports with which we can evaluate the progress of our students and the quality of Lebanon High School’s programs. Last year’s School Board Report spoke to the need to find a simplified and predictable tuition model; it also expressed the need to solidify a collaborative approach to planning educational programs. As the review process began, Plainfield’s review committee members spelled out our needs for responsiveness to our fiscal questions, transparency in the calculations used to establish tuition rates and clarification of our right to participate on Lebanon School Board committees and in the tuition calculation process. While we also sought, but were unable to get, some flexibility in the percentage of our students we send to Lebanon High School, we believe that all of our other objectives are met or exceeded by the proposed Agreement. Without reservation, we believe that approval of the proposed AREA Agreement is in the best interest of our students and community members.

**Special Education & Tuition Trust Fund (Article IV)**

The School Board is recommending a \$40,000 addition to the **Special Education & High School Tuition Fund**, which would increase the size of the trust to \$249,232. Typically, the school district budgets monies in the main special education section of the budget as an 'insurance policy' for a potential out of district placement that may arise between budget planning cycles. Starting this year, the School Board is asking the town to place these monies in our **Special Education & Tuition Trust Fund** rather than the main budget. This practice not only safeguards the town but also builds an asset that provides further protection to the school in the future.

**Building Maintenance Reserve Fund (Article V)**

The School Board is recommending a \$35,000 addition to the **Building Maintenance Reserve Fund**, which is an amount equal to the monies earned in rebates through our energy efficiency programs in the last fiscal year. This money, when added to the OEP grant of 275,000 will fund the completion of the renovations scheduled for this summer but will not result in fund growth for future needs.

**Building Maintenance Reserve Fund (Article VI)**

The School Board recommends a \$20,000 addition to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund in order to build this fund for future needs. The school board believes that growing this fund insulates the school from the costs and shocks of running an aging building. If approved, this would raise the fund to \$76,059.

Other Important School Activities & News

**Building Update**

The past year was busy and productive for the School Facilities Committee. With voter approval of a \$275,000 bond last March, new heating and ventilation equipment was installed in the 1989 wing on-schedule and on-budget. The classroom learning environment has benefited greatly from improved indoor air quality and temperature control. Better insulation has also greatly reduced energy usage. Fuel oil usage is now only about half what it was five years ago. Facilities Manager Bill Knight coordinated local contractors in completing this summer project, and we thank all who helped make it a success. The town and school district has also been awarded a \$275,000 federal Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant through the NH Office of Energy & Planning. Town Administrator Steve Halleran provided assistance in submitting the grant application and subsequent work leading to a contract with the grant management firm TRC Environmental



Corporation. This grant will be used for building maintenance and system upgrades to the four 7th & 8th grade classrooms and adjacent bathrooms, the replacement of four rooftop ventilation units and installation of energy recovery ventilation equipment in the remaining classrooms in the 1973 portion of the building. The School District will act as the general contractor, with Facilities Manager Bill Knight managing the project. Allan Ferguson is also recognized for his tireless and ongoing efforts to seek government grants to defray local taxpayer expense for these projects. For a full report, please see the Facilities Committee report also published in this book.

### **Health Insurance Committee Update**

Healthcare benefit expenses represent a significant portion of the PES budget and a major personal expense for our employees. This fall a committee composed of representatives from the school board, teacher's & support staff unions, and the administration started to meet to look for solutions that would 'bend the curve' of health care expense growth while at the same time provide appropriate and acceptable coverage to our employees. Healthcare experts who have been consulted by this working group have universally applauded the work of the committee to build a foundation of knowledge and understanding outside of the pressure of contract negotiations. The school board would like to thank the Staff & Teacher's Unions for their leadership and participation in this effort.

### **A New Superintendent & Special Education Director**

As this book goes to print, the School Board is beginning the interview process with a full slate of candidates for Superintendent and Special Education Director. Upon the announcement of the departure/retirement of Noelle Vitt and Nancy Brogden this Fall, the School Board opened an official search and explored the option of 'leasing' administration services from Lebanon & Grantham's SAU. Both towns – citing resource constraints – declined. We anticipate the hiring process being complete by April 1. Details about search and the interview process can be found online at [www.plainfieldschool.org](http://www.plainfieldschool.org).

The School Board would like to express our sincere thanks to Nancy & Noelle for their service to the Plainfield community. Specifically:

- Nancy Brogden has graciously and unstintingly worked with our Special Education staff for years. As a part-time administrator, she has provided us with full-time support, spending hours of her own time addressing the needs of our students. Nancy has a deep understanding of student learning, instructional practices that are appropriate for different learning needs, and a keen curiosity that entices her to research and understand an issue completely. This knowledge and wisdom is passed on to teachers and staff through mentoring and professional development. Her contact with parents is often gentle and soothing as they themselves try to understand their options for the education of their child(ren). Thank you, Nancy, for all the years of faithful and kind attention to our "special" staff, parents and children.
- Noelle Vitt joined Plainfield's Elementary School three years ago and brought passion, energy, and a new voice to the position of Superintendent. Noelle encouraged all of us to call her at home, on her cell phone, through email; she attended sub-committee meetings regularly; she introduced herself to many of Plainfield's leaders; and she helped us significantly improve our website. We asked so much of her and she delivered. Thank you, Noelle, for your energy, your knowledge, your tenacity, your availability . . . and so much more. All of us wish you the best in the future in all your endeavors.



**And finally, a special thank you.**

One of our long-time, dedicated teachers is retiring after 29 years--Betty Ann Heistad has taught our children's children. The first-day-at-school can be exciting or terrifying—and Betty Ann has been there to lovingly welcome the little ones to the beginning of their learning adventures. Betty Ann is not only a teacher; she's been a bus driver, band-aid applier, community volunteer, a caring colleague, and an advocate for children.

Teachers are very giving people, and Betty Ann has gone the extra distance. One of many instances of her helping others, Betty Ann has unselfishly made sure needy children get the resources in order to attend summer camp. Many of Betty Ann's gifts are given quietly and with genuine thoughtfulness. Those gifts have not gone unnoticed by Plainfield residents.

After retirement every day is a Saturday, but not for Betty Ann; she's already agreed to work at the school in whatever capacity is needed.

We all thank you, Betty Ann, for being a caring, nurturing human being and teacher. We wish you happiness and know that you'll never be retired!

In closing, the School Board would like to thank the teachers, administration, staff, parents, & concerned citizens who have participated in the process of developing this budget and organizational plan for PES next year. The issues we tackled this year are not simple, nor easy to solve; and we will continue to wrestle with them in the future. We appreciate that the spirit of all debate was civil, positive, and focused on 'doing what's right for Plainfield'.

*Chris Forman*  
Chair, Plainfield School Board



*John Burpee*

## FACILITIES REPORT

This past year was a busy, productive and satisfying year for the School Facilities Committee. The 1989 wing building maintenance and system upgrade project was completed on schedule and on budget. The positive feedback from staff, parents and students regarding the much improved indoor air quality has been especially gratifying. The improved classroom learning environment has been a goal of the Committee for many years. The improved insulation envelope on this part of the school building has greatly reduced heat loss. The new heating and ventilation equipment is working very well. We are metering the heating equipment energy usage and so far the results have been impressive. Facilities Manager Bill Knight was instrumental in managing this project and local contractors hired for different parts of the project commented very favorably on the way Bill managed the project. Many thanks to Bill.

Within a week of voter passage at the District Meeting of a \$275K bond article for this project, the Town and School District was informed it had been awarded a federal Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant in the amount of \$275K through the NH Office of Energy & Planning. The Town of Plainfield was the official local government recipient and the Committee would like to thank Town Administrator Steve Halleran for his assistance in submitting the grant application and subsequent work leading to a contract with the grant management firm TRC Environmental Corporation.

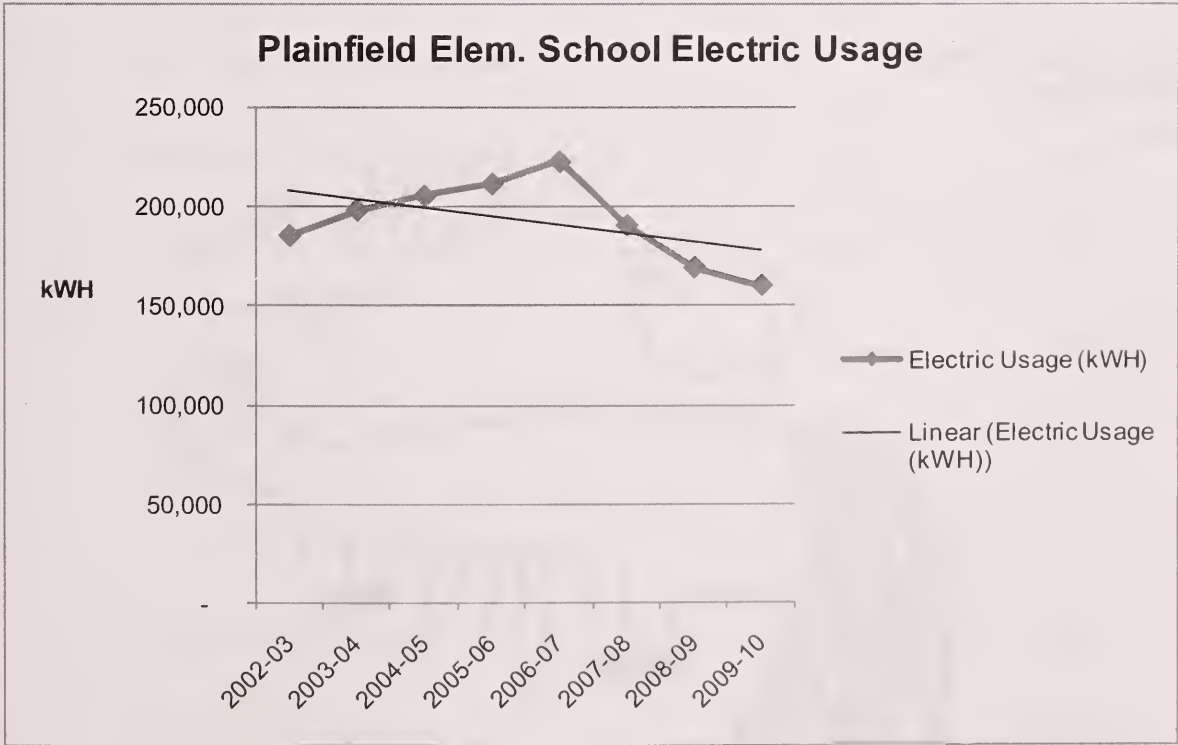
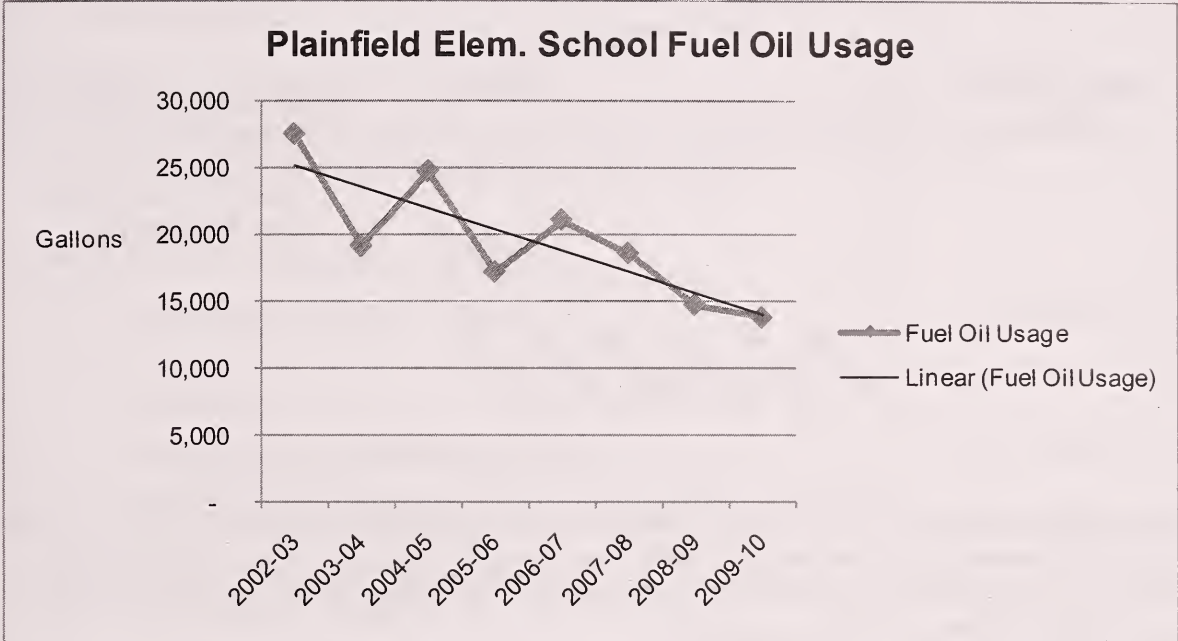
The Committee, with the School Board's approval, applied for this grant in late 2009 with the thought that any grant award would be allocated to the 1989 wing renovation project. With the bond article passing at District Meeting for the same project, the Committee needed to submit a totally revised project scope of work in order to receive all or part of the original grant amount. The revised scope of work was for the building maintenance and system upgrades to the four 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms & adjacent bathrooms, the replacement of the four rooftop ventilation units and the installation of energy recovery ventilation equipment in the remaining 1973 building classrooms. Fortunately, the revised grant award was not reduced from the original grant award.

One of the more important criteria for awarding the block grant was the estimated greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction resulting from energy savings of the planned project. The Committee was very concerned the revised scope of work for renovating just four classrooms would reduce the grant award due to the fact the estimated GHG reduction was less than the original application estimate. By adding the removal of the four rooftop ventilation units (on the original 1973 building) to the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade renovation scope of work the overall estimated GHG reduction amount was about the same. We have estimated the cost of this revised project to be around \$310K which is \$35K more than the grant award.

The Committee made a recommendation to the School Board to add a spending article to the Warrant in the amount of \$35K so the entire planned project can be completed this summer. The School District will act as the general contractor with Facilities Manager Bill Knight managing the project. The paperwork typically involved with federal grants will require the hiring of a part time grant administrator which has been included in the project budget.

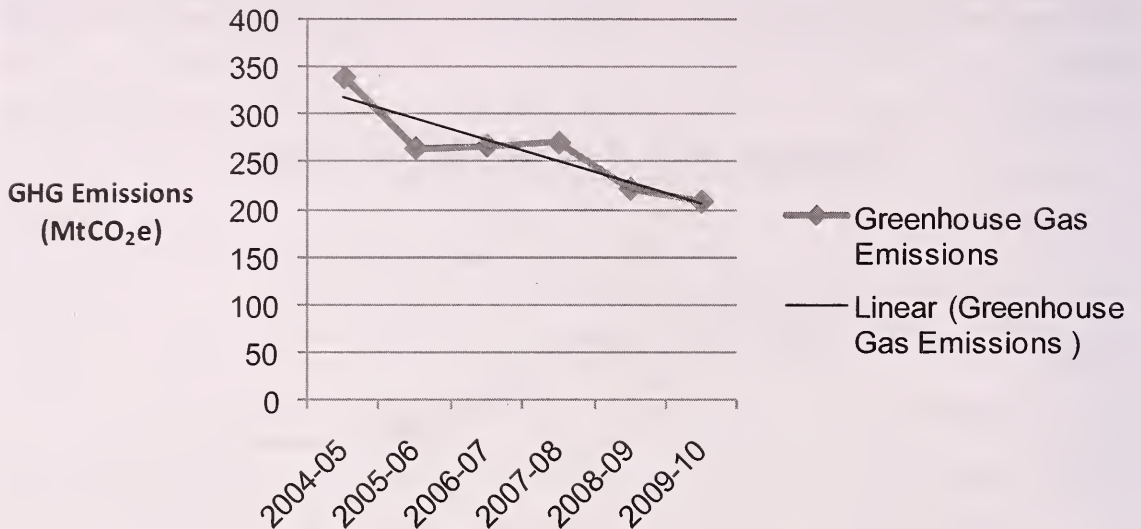
Committee member Allan Ferguson worked tirelessly applying for a 50% matching national EPA Showcase Community Grant this past summer. Out of 950 applications from around the country only 25 grants were awarded and our application landed in the top 31 applications. Allan continues to look for other funding opportunities as they become known. Many thanks to Allan for his very diligent efforts.

Energy conservation has been a goal of the Facilities Committee for quite some time. The following graphs illustrate the results of efforts put forth by the Committee, school administrators, School Board, town volunteers as well as the fiscal support of Plainfield citizens.





# GreenHouse Gas Emissions



Thom Wolke stepped down from the Committee this past fall. I'd like to thank Thom for his contributions to the Committee's work over the past couple of years. School Supt. Noelle Vitt and past resident Marc Rosenbaum are to be commended for their ongoing and integral assistance to the committee.

Committee Members include Mike Higgins, Allan Ferguson, Bill Knight, Doug Cogan and Tom Lappin.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Mike Higgins*  
Chair



*Claire Falcone*

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT – BUDGET ANALYSIS**

**2010-2011 Surplus –**

We anticipate ending the 2010/2011 school year with an *estimated* surplus of \$56,767. We have carried this amount over to the 2011/2012 Revenue Sheet. Estimated year end surplus may be used to fund warrants voted on by taxpayers. Any tuition surplus will be returned to taxpayers.

**2010/2011 Expenditures –**

Proposed expenditures for the 2011/2012 school year total \$6,046,824 a decrease of \$100,219 (1.63%) over this year’s budget of \$6,147,044.

**Highlights of the Budget are as follows:**

*Voter Approved 2010/2011 Budget* 6,147,044

***Increases:***

<i>Regular Instruction (LHS Tuition, Benefits)</i>	130,230
<i>Regular Education (Guidance, Health, Library, Principal, Professional Development-Salary &amp; Benefits)</i>	38,243
<i>Administrative Services (School Board, SAU)</i>	6,445
<i>Federal Grants (REAP)</i>	3,114
<b><i>Subtotal Increases</i></b>	<b><u>+ 178,032</u></b>

***Decreases:***

<i>Special Education (Staff &amp; Tuition)</i>	72,217
<i>Co-Curricular Activities (Athletic Director &amp; Coaches)</i>	18,501
<i>Information Services (Equipment &amp; Software)</i>	2,840
<i>Principal's Office (Benefit)</i>	5,012
<i>Operation of Building (Prototype Expense removed, Energy Savings)</i>	848
<i>Transportation ( New Contract)</i>	3,287
<i>Food Service (Benefit)</i>	7,046
<i>Debt Service (Retirement of Front Addition Bond)</i>	52,105
<i>Transfer (Trust Funds)</i>	50,874
<i>Other (Difference in OEP Grant vs. Capital Project)</i>	65,522
<b><i>Subtotal Decreases</i></b>	<b><u>&lt; 278,252&gt;</u></b>

***Total Net Budget Decrease*** **-100,220**

***Proposed 2010/2011 Budget*** **6,046,824**

**Tuition-**

This year’s LHS tuition is the single highest increase in the 2011-2012 budget. The A.R.E.A. agreement which regulates tuition rates for Plainfield Students attending LHS, calculates Plainfield and Grantham tuition. The tuition rate for the 2011/2012 school year

is set at \$13,249. The Town of Plainfield will see a \$105 increase in the tuition cost per pupil over last year, a .80% increase. This budget, as presented, projects 107 students attending LHS in September, compared to 100.5 projected students in 2010/2011. The total tuition budget will increase \$96,671 over the 2010/2011 school year or 7.32% which takes into consideration a higher student count.

#### 20011/2012 Revenues -

Non Tax Revenues are *estimated* to be \$1,290,997 which is a decrease of \$218,985 in revenue over 2010/2011 budget. The single largest contributing factor to reduced revenue is the reduction in State of New Hampshire Adequacy money. This amount was reduced last year and further reduced for the FY 12 budget by \$165,106. This amounts to a 21% reduction in State Aid.

#### 2011/2012 Bottom Line -

The \$100,219 reduction in spending, combined with the \$218,985 reduction in non-tax revenue, will require an increase in local tax dollars of \$108,567. The 2011/2012 estimated local tax effort of \$4,755,827 represents a 2.34% increase over the 2010/11 year's total of \$4,647,260.

**The items set forth in this analysis *do not* include any of the separate warrant articles, which, if passed, will increase the tax effort necessary to fund those articles. This year's warrant articles (excluding Budget appropriations) include:**

- ❖ To see if the District will approve the A.R.E.A. agreement with Lebanon and Grantham, according to RSA 195:4; said agreement having been approved by the NH Department of Education, the Plainfield School Board, the Grantham School Board, and the Lebanon School Board. (The School Board recommends this article.)
- ❖ To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000(forty thousand dollars) to be placed in the Special Education and Tuition Reserve Fund created in 2000 pursuant to RSA 35:1-C, for the purpose of either special education expenses or tuition expense or both (the School Board recommends this appropriation.)
- ❖ To see if the District will vote to approve the expenditure of up to \$35,000 (thirty five thousand dollars), with such amount to be funded from the year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1, to be placed in the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund created in 1997 pursuant to RSA 35:1-c, for the purpose of repairs, maintenance, and/or renovations to the Plainfield Elementary School facility (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)
- ❖ To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) to be placed in the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund created in 1997 pursuant to RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of repairs, maintenance, and/or renovations to the Plainfield Elementary School facility. (The School Board recommends this action.)
- ❖ To see if the District will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield residents to advise the School Board in the area of School District Budget. (The School Board recommends this action.)

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Beth Bierwirth* - Finance



**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUE REPORT AND  
OVERALL SUMMARY**

Category:	2009/10 Audited Actual Budget	2010/2011 OFFICIAL BDGT (MS-24)	2010/2011 TOTAL YEAR ESTIMATE	2011/2012 BUDGET ESTIMATE	2011/2012 Increase or (Decrease)
<b>LOCAL SOURCES:</b>					
Prior Year Surplus or (Deficit)	195,832	75,070	75,070	56,767	(18,303)
Interest Income	4,076	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
Food Service Revenues	37,391	35,000	35,000	38,000	3,000
Prior Year Surplus or (Deficit)	-	-	-	-	-
Tuition Revenues	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer in Food Service	26,873	13,200	36,902	26,758	13,558
Transfer from Reserve Funds	31,902	-	20,000	-	-
Transfer from Bld Maint Reserve Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer from Benefit Trust	-	-	-	-	-
Deficit/Supplemental Approp	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Project Bond	-	340,000	330,000	-	(340,000)
Other	14,074	38,000	38,000	52,800	14,800
Total Local	310,149	505,270	538,972	178,325	(326,945)
<b>STATE SOURCES:</b>					
NH Adequacy Grant	820,233	794,931	794,931	629,825	(165,106)
NH Building Aid	45,967	45,967	45,967	45,967	-
Catastrophic Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Child Nutrition	688	602	602	602	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total State	866,888	841,500	841,500	676,394	(165,106)
<b>FEDERAL SOURCES:</b>					
Federal Grant Programs	148,393	124,213	119,572	117,800	(6,413)
OEP Capital Improvement Grant	-	-	-	274,478	274,478
Prior Year Surplus or (Deficit)	-	-	-	-	-
Child Nutrition	10,114	9,000	9,000	9,000	-
Medicaid	37,649	30,000	35,000	35,000	5,000
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total Federal	196,156	163,213	163,572	436,278	273,065
<b>TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUES</b>	<b>1,373,193</b>	<b>1,509,982</b>	<b>1,544,044</b>	<b>1,290,997</b>	<b>(218,985)</b>
<b>Property Tax Dollars Needed</b>	<b>4,130,769</b>	<b>4,647,260</b>	<b>4,647,260</b>	<b>4,755,827</b>	<b>108,567</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET</b>	<b>5,503,962</b>	<b>6,157,242</b>	<b>6,191,304</b>	<b>6,046,824</b>	<b>-110,418</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>5,503,962</b>	<b>6,157,242</b>	<b>6,191,304</b>	<b>6,046,824</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>5,428,892</b>	<b>6,147,044</b>	<b>6,134,537</b>	<b>6,046,824</b>	
<b>SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>75,070</b>	<b>10,198</b>	<b>56,767</b>	<b>-</b>	

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURE REPORT									
Category:	2009/10	2010/11	2010/11	2010/11	2011/2012	2011/12	2011/12	2011/12	2011/12
	Total Year ACTUAL	Approved BUDGET	ESTIMATE	Proposed BUDGET	\$ \$ Incr. Over 10/11 Budget	% Incr. Over 10/11 Budget			
<b>1- REGULAR INSTRUCTION</b>									
Teacher Salaries	1171549	1,143,240	1,155,808	1,136,532	(6,708)	-0.59%			
Ed Assistant Salaries	9870	17,969	10,265	26,159	8,190	45.58%			
Tutors	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	-	0.00%			
Substitutes	43147	30,000	30,000	28,000	(2,000)	-6.67%			
Employee Benefits	459882	438,773	449,458	449,702	10,929	2.49%			
Contracted Services	6643	12,018	12,018	15,176	3,158	26.28%			
Contracted Services 504	0	-	-	1,000	1,000	0.00%			
Equipment Repair	1244	1,750	1,750	1,750	-	0.00%			
Supplies	32056	37,053	37,053	42,571	5,517	14.89%			
Textbooks	17214	6,225	6,225	8,064	1,839	29.54%			
Software	5315	6,900	6,900	6,423	(478)	-6.92%			
New/Replacement Equipment	3919	2,100	2,100	11,295	9,195	437.86%			
Furniture	1955	2,000	2,000	7,210	5,210	260.50%			
Dues & Fees	8581	14,757	14,757	12,463	(2,294)	-15.55%			
Sub Total Regular Instruction K-8	1,761,374	1,714,285	1,729,834	1,747,844	33,559	1.96%			
Tuition Lebanon High School	1,085,533	1,320,972	1,297,970	1,417,643	96,671	7.32%			
Total Regular Instruction K-12	2,846,907	3,035,257	3,027,804	3,165,487	130,230	4.29%			
<b>2- SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>									
Teacher Salaries	240107	246,120	246,120	241,010	(5,110)	-2.08%			
Ed Assistant Salaries	229639	240,759	247,090	227,397	(13,362)	-5.55%			
Substitutes	14912	14,000	14,000	14,000	-	0.00%			
Employee Benefits	241250	270,672	261,923	271,091	419	0.15%			
Contracted Services	68884	73,000	73,000	77,720	4,720	6.47%			
Tuition	82809	82,000	50,000	23,616	(58,384)	-71.20%			
Legal		2,000	2,000	2,000	-	0.00%			
Supplies	1276	2,500	2,500	3,000	500	20.00%			
Books		-	-	200	200	0.00%			
Software	400	400	400	400	-	0.00%			
Testing	0	1,200	1,200	-	(1,200)	-100.00%			
Equipment	307	1,500	1,500	1,500	-	0.00%			
Dues/Fees/Travel	1031	1,600	1,600	1,600	-	0.00%			
Total Special Education	880,615	935,751	901,333	863,534	(72,217)	-7.72%			

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURE REPORT							
	2009/10	2010/11	2010/11	2011/12	2011/12	2011/12	2011/12
	Total Year ACTUAL	Approved BUDGET	Total Year ESTIMATE	Proposed BUDGET	\$ \$ Incr. Over 10/11 Budget	% Incr. Over 10/11 Budget	
<b>3 - CO-CURRICULAR</b>							
Advisors	10212	8,400	8,400	7,800	(600)	-7.14%	
Benefits	2217	2,280	2,425	-	(2,280)	-100.00%	
Coaches	12900	15,400	15,400	12,900	(2,500)	-16.23%	
Athletic Director	16091	16,091	16,091	5,250	(10,841)	-67.37%	
Officials	5903	9,000	9,000	8,060	(940)	-10.44%	
Supply	5853	8,100	8,100	7,760	(340)	-4.20%	
Equipment		1,000	1,000	-	(1,000)	-100.00%	
Dues & Fees	1395	2,810	2,810	2,810	-	0.00%	
Total Co-Curricular/Athletics	54,571	63,081	63,226	44,580	(18,501)	-29.33%	
<b>4 - GUIDANCE</b>							
Salaries	63540	65,103	65,817	69,082	3,979	6.11%	
Employee Benefits	29565	29,957	30,753	33,137	3,180	10.62%	
Testing	2925	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	0.00%	
Supplies	563	650	650	650	-	0.00%	
Books	466	400	400	500	100	25.00%	
Software	0	-	-	395	395	-	
Dues	115	115	115	115	-	0.00%	
Total Guidance	97,174	99,225	100,735	106,879	7,654	7.71%	
<b>5 - HEALTH</b>							
Salaries	54131	56,048	56,048	58,902	2,854	5.09%	
Employee Benefits	26246	27,216	27,216	29,332	2,116	7.78%	
Supplies	1487	1,400	1,400	1,400	-	0.00%	
Furniture	0	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Health	81,864	84,664	84,664	89,634	4,970	5.87%	



PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURE REPORT							
Category:	2009/10 Total Year ACTUAL	2010/11 Approved BUDGET	2010/11 Total Year ESTIMATE	2011/2012 Proposed BUDGET	2011/12 \$\$ Incr. Over 10/11 Budget	2011/12 %% Incr. Over 10/11 Budget	
<b>6 - STAFF/CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT</b>							
Stipends	10973	9,000	9,000	9,000	-	0.00%	
Substitutes				7,000			
Staff Development- Teachers	11345	11,200	11,200	11,000	(200)	-1.79%	
Staff Development-Support Staff	1443	4,300	4,300	4,400	100	2.33%	
Prof. Dvlp-College Coursework	3095	7,000	7,000	7,000	-	0.00%	
Staff Training Workshops	8617	12,000	12,000	12,000	-	0.00%	
Differentiated Instruction Training				12,000			
Supplies	1241	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	0.00%	
Total Staff/Curric Development	36,714	45,500	45,500	64,400	18,900	41.54%	
<b>7 - LIBRARY</b>							
Teacher Salaries	28574	29,496	29,496	30,998	1,502	5.09%	
Ed Assistant Salaries	18974	19,740	19,740	20,781	1,041	5.27%	
Employee Benefits	42477	43,213	43,213	45,964	2,751	6.37%	
Contracted Services	1228	1,240	1,240	1,315	75	6.05%	
Supplies	1290	900	900	1,200	300	33.33%	
Books	2335	4,100	4,100	4,100	-	0.00%	
Software	379	900	900	900	-	0.00%	
Equipment	0	-	-	1,050	1,050	-	
Furniture	0	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Library	95,257	99,589	99,589	106,308	6,719	6.75%	
<b>8 - INFORMATION SERVICES</b>							
Supplies	493	850	850	750	(100)	-11.76%	
Software	10222	8,050	8,050	3,550	(4,500)	-55.90%	
New Equipment	1078	-	-	-	-	-	
Replacement Equipment	14780	16,775	16,775	6,236	(10,539)	-62.83%	
Contracted Services	31628	45,043	45,043	57,342	12,299	27.31%	
Repairs & Maintenance	713	4,500	4,500	4,500	-	0.00%	
Dues/Fees	0	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Information Services	58,914	75,218	75,218	72,378	(2,840)	-3.78%	

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURE REPORT							
Category:	2009/10	2010/11	2010/11	2011/2012	2011/12	2011/12	2011/12
	Total Year ACTUAL	Approved BUDGET	Total Year ESTIMATE	Proposed BUDGET	\$ \$ Incr. Over 10/11 Budget	% Incr. Over 10/11 Budget	
<b>9 - SCHOOL BOARD</b>							
School Board Stipends	1550	1,550	1,550	1,550	-	-	0.00%
Treasurer Stipend	400	400	400	400	-	-	0.00%
Advertising	698	500	500	500	-	-	0.00%
Board Travel, Meetings, etc	1011	2,150	2,150	2,200	50	50	2.33%
Criminal Records Checks	989	1,500	1,500	1,500	-	-	0.00%
Recording Secretary	1200	1,350	1,350	1,350	-	-	0.00%
Dues	3236	3,500	3,500	3,500	-	-	0.00%
Legal Services	6225	4,000	4,000	6,000	2,000	2,000	50.00%
Auditor Services	8500	11,000	11,000	11,000	-	-	0.00%
District Meeting Expenses	1063	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	-	0.00%
Total School Board	24,872	26,950	26,950	29,000	2,050	2,050	7.61%
<b>10 - SAU OFFICE</b>							
Salaries	118597	116,029	116,791	115,546	(483)	(483)	-0.42%
Contracted Services	5178	6,000	6,000	6,500	500	500	8.33%
Employee Benefits	22943	23,959	24,029	23,936	(23)	(23)	-0.09%
Telephone	855	1,200	1,200	1,200	-	-	0.00%
Supplies/Advertising	2025	4,200	4,200	4,200	-	-	0.00%
Dues, Fees, Meetings, Travel	3062	4,000	4,000	4,000	-	-	0.00%
Software/Equipment	0	600	600	5,000	4,400	4,400	733.33%
Total SAU Office	152,660	155,988	156,819	160,383	4,395	4,395	2.82%

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURE REPORT							
Category:	2009/10 Total Year ACTUAL	2010/11 Approved BUDGET	2010/11 Total Year ESTIMATE	2011/2012 Proposed BUDGET	2011/12 \$\$ Incr. Over 10/11 Budget	2011/12 %% Incr. Over 10/11 Budget	
<b>11 - PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE</b>							
Administrative Salaries	86925	88,973	88,973	83,154	(5,819)	-6.54%	
Assistant to the Principal Salary		-	-	5,250	5,250	0.00%	
Office/Secretarial Salaries	57929	59,331	59,331	59,913	582	0.98%	
Employee Benefits	71788	72,366	69,314	66,626	(5,740)	-7.93%	
Contracted Services	8200	8,400	8,400	8,400	-	0.00%	
Telephone	4115	5,200	5,200	5,200	-	0.00%	
Postage	2181	2,200	2,200	2,500	300	13.64%	
Printing	1048	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	0.00%	
Travel	824	1,250	1,250	1,250	-	0.00%	
Supplies	1104	1,500	1,500	1,500	-	0.00%	
Equipment	0	-	-	500	500	-	
Dues & Fees	1871	2,000	2,000	1,915	(85)	-4.25%	
Total Principal's Office	235,985	242,220	239,168	237,208	(5,012)	-2.07%	
<b>12 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>							
Medical Insurance	525164	534,902	525,231	523,009	(11,893)	-2.22%	
Dental Insurance	40539	37,114	38,128	38,074	960	2.59%	
Life & AD&D Insurance	5222	7,580	7,604	7,618	38	0.50%	
Disability Insurance	17135	14,595	14,638	14,674	79	0.54%	
Flex Plan Administration	1000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	0.00%	
F.I.C.A.	165490	168,313	170,929	171,341	3,028	1.80%	
Retirement	144265	133,385	145,751	157,844	24,459	18.34%	
Workers' Comp Insurance	6970	15,057	15,128	15,208	151	1.00%	
Annuities	40856	55,907	56,295	56,542	635	1.14%	
Unemployment Comp Insurance	11102	-	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal Employee Benefits	957,743	967,853	974,704	985,309	17,456	1.80%	
Transfer to Other Functions	(957,743)	(967,852)	(974,704)	(985,309)			
Net Total Employee Benefits		1	0				



PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURE REPORT						
Category:	2009/10	2010/11	2010/11	2011/2012	2011/12	2011/12
	Total Year ACTUAL	Approved BUDGET	Total Year ESTIMATE	Proposed BUDGET	\$\$ Incr. Over 10/11 Budget	% Incr. Over 10/11 Budget
13 - FEDERAL GRANTS						
IDEA (Spec Ed)	51041	53,000	53,000	53,000	-	0.00%
Pre School	1940	2,500	2,500	2,500	-	0.00%
IDEA AARA	26778	28,133	28,133	-	(28,133)	-100.00%
Pre School AARA	1352	1,352	1,352	-	(1,352)	-100.00%
Title 2 (Quality Teachers)	2080	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	0.00%
Title 5 (Innovative)	0	-	-	-	-	-
Title 4 (Safe & Drug Free Schools)	0	700	300	300	(400)	-57.14%
Federal Ed School Grant	0	-	-	30,000	30,000	-
Rural Education (REAP) Grant	25131	26,000	31,287	29,000	3,000	11.54%
Total Grants	108,322	114,685	119,572	117,800	3,115	2.72%
14 - OPERATION OF BUILDING						
Custodial Salaries/Wages	89272	91,231	91,712	92,520	1,289	1.41%
Employee Benefits	45801	45,391	45,876	49,144	3,753	8.27%
Contracted Services	27940	28,700	28,700	28,700	-	0.00%
Building Repairs	39040	34,000	54,000	34,000	-	0.00%
Property & Liability Insurance	9001	10,735	10,091	12,345	1,610	15.00%
Supplies	14994	16,000	16,000	16,000	-	0.00%
Electricity	19561	25,500	25,000	24,000	(1,500)	-5.88%
Fuel Oil	33324	52,000	45,000	46,000	(6,000)	-11.54%
Sewer Fees	6000	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	0.00%
Equipment	4292	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%
Staff Travel	517	500	500	500	-	0.00%
Dues/Fees	475	575	575	575	-	0.00%
Total Operation of Building	290,217	315,632	328,454	314,784	(848)	-0.27%
15 - TRANSPORTATION						
Special Edu. Transportation Salary/Wage	7915	5,400	9,000	10,463	5,063	93.75%
Special Edu. Transportation Benefit	441	441	7,084	959	518	117.46%
Student Transportation	162089	167,637	167,637	159,120	(8,517)	-5.08%
Special Ed Transportation M&R	3885	3,951	3,559	3,600	(351)	-8.88%
Athletic Trips	5415	5,750	5,750	5,750	-	0.00%
Field Trips	9519	10,000	10,000	10,000	-	0.00%
Total Transportation	188,823	193,179	203,030	189,892	(3,287)	-1.70%

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURE REPORT									
Category:	2009/10	2010/11	2010/11	2010/11	2011/2012	2011/12	2011/12	2011/12	2011/12
	Total Year ACTUAL	Approved BUDGET	ESTIMATE	Proposed BUDGET	\$ \$ Incr. Over 10/11 Budget	% Incr. Over 10/11 Budget			
<b>16- FOOD SERVICES</b>									
Salaries	13472	13,812	13,812	13,943	131	0.95%			
Employee Benefits	13084	13,584	13,682	15,416	1,832	13.49%			
Contracted Services	34218	44,100	44,100	35,000	(9,100)	-20.63%			
Repairs	1000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	0.00%			
Transportation	3360	4,410	4,410	4,500	90	2.04%			
Supplies	9932	4,500	4,500	4,500	-	0.00%			
Total Food Service	75,066	81,406	81,504	74,360	(7,046)	-8.66%			
<b>17 - DEBT SERVICE</b>									
Principal	145000	145,000	145,000	95,000	(50,000)	-34.48%			
Interest	15148	8,360	8,360	13,962	5,602	67.01%			
Interest BAN/Bond (Estimated)	0	7,707	8,180	-	(7,707)	-100.00%			
Total Debt Service	160,148	161,067	161,540	108,962	(52,105)	-32.35%			
<b>18 - TRANSFERS</b>									
Capital Outlay - Building Improvement		-	-						
Trans. Maint. Trust	30000	-	-						
Trans. Spec. Ed. Trust	30000	39,432	39,432	-	(39,432)	-100.00%			
Trans. Food Service		13,200	25,000	26,758	13,558	102.71%			
Trans Benefit Trust	15000	25,000	25,000	-	(25,000)	-100.00%			
Total Transfers	75,000	77,632	89,432	26,758	(50,874)	-65.53%			
<b>SUB TOTAL GENERAL ED EXPENDITURES K-12</b>	5,463,110	5,807,044	5,804,537	5,772,346	-34,697	-0.60%			
<b>19- Other</b>									
OEP Grant	0		-	274,478	274,478	-			
Building Repairs Capital Project		340,000	330,000		(340,000)	-100.00%			
Total Other	0	340,000	330,000	274,478	(65,522)	-19.27%			
<b>TOTAL GENERAL ED EXPENDITURES K-12</b>	5,463,110	6,147,044	6,134,537	6,046,824	-100,219	-1.63%			

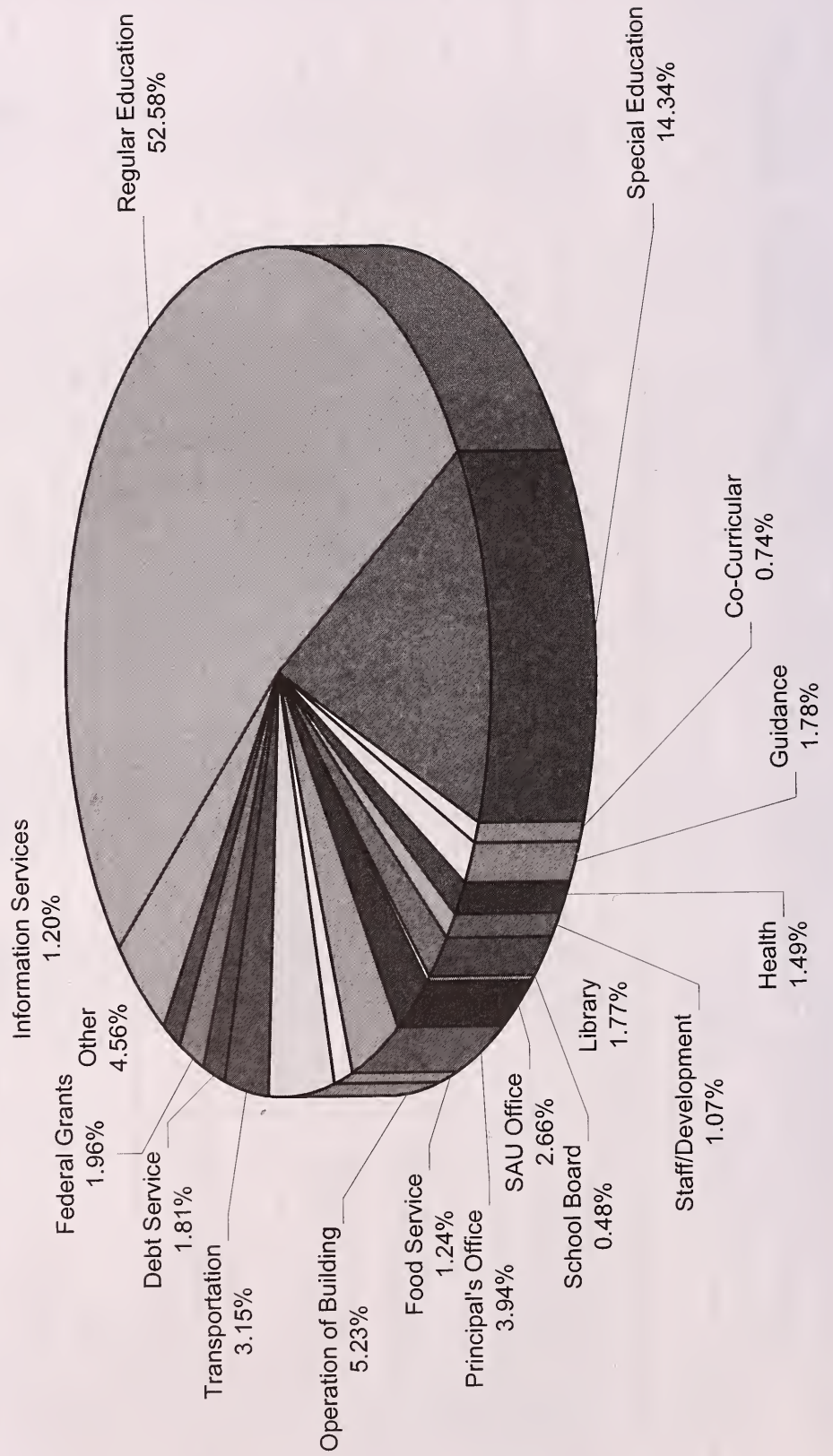


# PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2011-2012 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSE SUMMARY

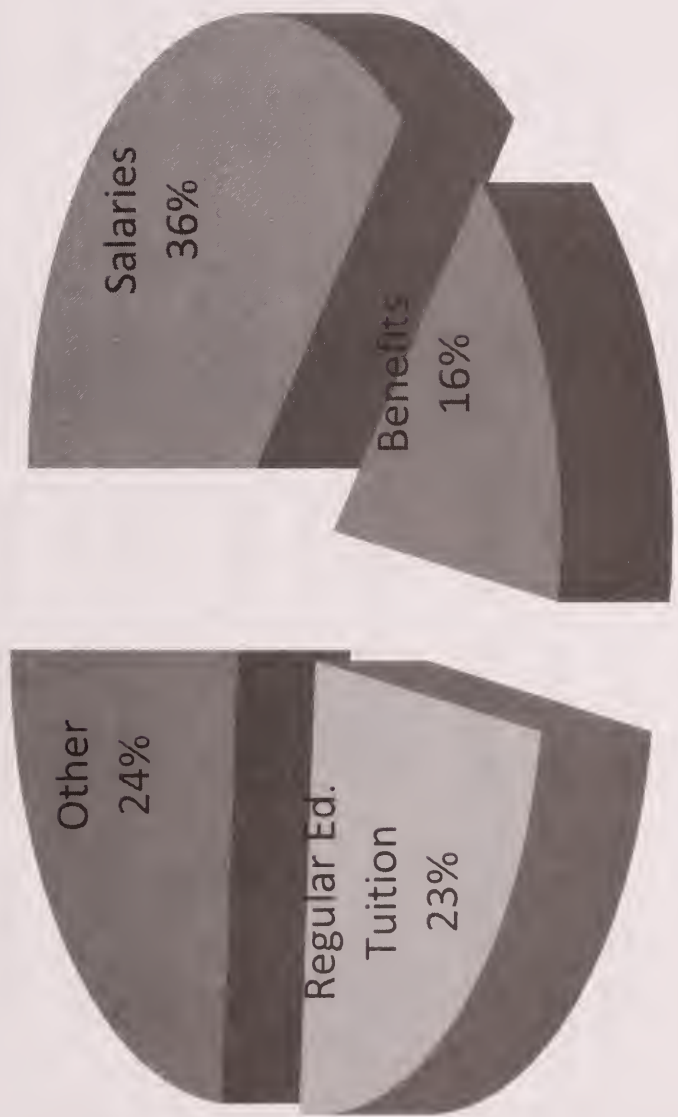
Category:	2009/10	2010-11	2010-11	2011/2012	\$Increase	% Increase
	ACTUAL	APPROVED	ESTIMATED	PROPOSED	or(Decrease) vs.	or(Decrease) vs.
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	2009/10 budget	2009/10 budget
REGULAR EDUCATION	2,846,907	3,035,257	3,027,804	3,165,487	130,230	4.29%
SPECIAL EDUCATION	880,615	935,751	901,333	863,534	(72,217)	-7.72%
CO-CURRICULAR	54,571	63,081	63,226	44,580	(18,501)	-29.33%
GUIDANCE	97,174	99,225	100,735	106,879	7,654	7.71%
HEALTH	81,864	84,664	84,664	89,634	4,970	5.87%
STAFF/CURRICULUM DEV.	36,714	45,500	45,500	64,400	18,900	41.54%
LIBRARY	95,257	99,589	99,589	106,308	6,719	6.75%
INFORMATION SERVICES	58,914	75,218	75,218	72,378	(2,840)	-3.78%
SCHOOL BOARD	24,872	26,950	26,950	29,000	2,050	7.61%
SAU OFFICE	152,660	155,988	156,819	160,383	4,395	2.82%
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	235,985	242,220	239,168	237,208	(5,012)	-2.07%
OPERATION OF BUILDING	290,217	315,632	328,454	314,784	(848)	-0.27%
TRANSPORTATION	188,823	193,179	203,030	189,892	(3,287)	-1.70%
FOOD SERVICE	75,066	81,406	81,504	74,360	(7,046)	-8.66%
DEBT SERVICE	160,148	161,067	161,540	108,962	(52,105)	-32.35%
FEDERAL GRANTS	108,322	114,685	119,572	117,800	3,115	2.72%
TRANSFERS	75,000	77,632	89,432	26,758	(50,874)	-65.53%
Sub total GenEd. Exp	5,463,110	5,807,044	5,804,537	5,772,346	(34,698)	-0.60%
OTHER (Grant, Cap.Proj.)	0	340,000	330,000	274,478	(65,522)	-19.27%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,463,110	6,147,044	6,134,537	6,046,824	(100,220)	-1.63%



**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL 2011-2012 PROPOSED EXPENSES BY FUNCTION**



**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL 2011-2012 EXPENSES BY OBJECT**



**5 YEAR DEBT SCHEDULE FOR PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

DEBT YEAR	PERIOD ENDING	PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING	PRINCIPAL	RATE	INTEREST	TOTAL PAYMENT	FISCAL YEAR TOTAL PAYMENT
	2/15/2008				\$6,952.50	\$6,952.50	\$6,952.50
1	8/15/2001	\$300,000.00	\$60,000.00	4.000%	\$6,075.00	\$66,075.00	
	2/15/2009				\$4,875.00	\$4,875.00	\$70,950.00
2	8/15/2009	\$240,000.00	\$60,000.00	4.000%	\$4,875.00	\$64,875.00	
	2/15/2010				\$3,675.00	\$3,675.00	\$68,550.00
3	8/15/2010	\$180,000.00	\$60,000.00	4.000%	\$3,675.00	\$63,675.00	
	2/15/2010				\$2,475.00	\$2,475.00	\$66,150.00
4	8/15/2011	\$120,000.00	\$60,000.00	4.000%	\$2,475.00	\$62,475.00	
	2/15/2012				\$1,275.00	\$1,275.00	\$63,750.00
5	8/15/2012	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	4.250%	\$1,275.00	\$61,275.00	\$61,275.00
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$300,000.00</b>		<b>\$37,627.50</b>	<b>\$337,627.50</b>	<b>\$337,627.50</b>



10 YEAR DEBT SCHEDULE FOR PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

INTEREST START DATE: 209 DAYS			12/16/10		Amount of Loan to be Paid		\$314,800
FIRST INTEREST PAYMENT:			7/15/11		Premium		\$15,200
NET INTEREST COST:			2.8700%		Total Proceeds		\$330,000
DEBT YEAR	PERIOD ENDING	PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING	PRINCIPAL	RATE	INTEREST	TOTAL PAYMENT	FISCAL YEAR TOTAL PAYMENT
	7/15/2011				\$6,701.93	\$6,701.93	\$6,701.93
1	1/15/2012	\$314,800.00	\$34,800.00	3.0000%	\$5,772.00	\$40,572.00	\$47,273.93
	7/15/2012				\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00	
2	1/15/2013	\$280,000.00	\$35,000.00	3.0000%	\$5,250.00	\$40,250.00	\$45,500.00
	7/15/2013				\$4,725.00	\$4,725.00	
3	1/15/2014	\$245,000.00	\$35,000.00	3.0000%	\$4,725.00	\$39,725.00	\$44,450.00
	7/15/2014				\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00	
4	1/15/2015	\$210,000.00	\$30,000.00	4.0000%	\$4,200.00	\$34,200.00	\$38,400.00
	7/15/2015				\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	
5	1/15/2016	\$180,000.00	\$30,000.00	4.0000%	\$3,600.00	\$33,600.00	\$37,200.00
	7/15/2016				\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
6	1/15/2017	\$150,000.00	\$30,000.00	4.0000%	\$3,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$36,000.00
	7/15/2017				\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	
7	1/15/2018	\$120,000.00	\$30,000.00	4.0000%	\$2,400.00	\$32,400.00	\$34,800.00
	7/15/2018				\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	
8	1/15/2019	\$90,000.00	\$30,000.00	4.0000%	\$1,800.00	\$31,800.00	\$33,600.00
	7/15/2019				\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	
9	1/15/2020	\$60,000.00	\$30,000.00	4.0000%	\$1,200.00	\$31,200.00	\$32,400.00
	7/15/2020				\$600.00	\$600.00	
10	1/15/2021	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	4.0000%	\$600.00	\$30,600.00	\$31,200.00
TOTALS			\$314,800.00		\$66,023.93	\$380,823.93	\$380,823.93

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR**

7/1/2009	Balance Mascoma Savings	443,025.41
7/1/2009	Balance NH Public Investment Pool	163,629.08
7/1/2009	Subtotal	606,654.49

Total Expenditures (7/1/09 through 6/30/10)	5,695,603.00
Total Receipts (7/1/09 through 6/30/10)	5,320,485.00

6/30/2010	Balance Mascoma Savings	119,534.22
6/30/2010	Balance NH Public Investment Pool	2,271.94
6/30/2010	Total Cash Available	121,806.16

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jeffrey Moore*  
Treasurer



*Carter Williams*

**PLAINFIELD TEACHERS: 2010-2011 SALARY SCHEDULE GRID**

Track>	Bachelor		Bachelor +15		Bachelor + 30/ Masters		Masters + 15		Masters + 30	
	FTE's	salary	FTE's	salary	FTE's	salary	FTE's	salary	FTE's	salary
1		\$33,261		\$34,392	1.067	\$35,561		\$36,770		\$38,020
2		\$34,438		\$35,609		\$36,820		\$38,072		\$39,366
3		\$35,658	0.8	\$36,870	1.78	\$38,123		\$39,420		\$40,760
4		\$36,920		\$38,175		\$39,473		\$40,815		\$42,203
5	1.0	\$38,227		\$39,527		\$40,870		\$42,260		\$43,697
6		\$39,580		\$40,926		\$42,317		\$43,756		\$45,244
7		\$40,981		\$42,375		\$43,815	1.0	\$45,305		\$46,845
8		\$42,432		\$43,875		\$45,366		\$46,909		\$48,504
9		\$43,934	1.0	\$45,428		\$46,972		\$48,569		\$50,221
10		\$45,489		\$47,036		\$48,635		\$50,289		\$51,999
11		\$47,100		\$48,701	1.0	\$50,357		\$52,069		\$53,839
12		\$48,767		\$50,425	1.0	\$52,139		\$53,912		\$55,745
13		\$50,493		\$52,210		\$53,985		\$55,821		\$57,719
14		\$52,281	1.0	\$54,058		\$55,896		\$57,797		\$59,762
15		\$54,131		\$55,972	1.0	\$57,875	1.0	\$59,843		\$61,877
16	1	\$56,048		\$57,953		\$59,924		\$61,961	1.0	\$64,068
17		\$58,032	2.0	\$60,005	5.0	\$62,045	1.0	\$64,155	5.750	\$66,336
	2.0	\$94,275	4.8	\$248,992	10.847	\$576,399	3.0	\$169,303	6.75	\$445,500
FTE	2		4.8		10.847		3		6.75	27,397
#of Staff	2		5.0		13		3		7	30



## PLAINFIELD ENROLLMENT – OCTOBER 1, 2010

GRADE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
K	6	8	14
1	11	16	27
2	12	10	22
3	15	16	21
4	12	16	28
5	14	15	29
6	13	15	28
7	17	16	33
8	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>38</u>
SUB TOTAL	117	133	250
Total Home Study Students	6	8	<u>14</u>

**TOTAL Enrollment with Home Study = 264**

### PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASS OF 2010

Molly Adams	Lion Herfort
Tyler Anderle	Nell Houde
Kelsie Atwater	Garrett Inman
Hunter Braswell	Isabella Lurie
Shelbie Clukey	Jared McGranaghan
Josh Creeger	Brendan O'Donnell
Sabrina Creighton	Ronan O'Donnell
Nick Davini	Hayley Perron
Morgan Dewdney	Austin Putnam
Louise Filiault	Kaylee Rogers
Tyler Geno	Mike Rogers
Emma Greenough	Matt Taylor
Joe Grout	Charlie Williams
Charlotte Grzegorowicz	Owen Winslow
Anna Hadlock	Alex Zuckerman
Grayson Hardy	

## PLAINFIELD RECOGNITION AWARDS – June 18, 2010

Athletics: Garipay - Beaupre Scholar - Athlete: **Nell Houde** ~ Grobe - Reisch Sportsmanship: **Emma Greenough** ~ Best Female Athlete: **Kaylee Rogers** ~ Best Male Athlete: **Grayson Hardy**

Teachers' Award: **Kaylee Rogers**

President's Education Awards for Outstanding Academic Excellence: **Molly Adams, Kelsie Atwater, Shelby Clukey, Morgan Dewdney, Emma Greenough, Anna Hadlock, Grayson Hardy, Nell Houde, Isabella Lurie**

President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement: **Tyler Anderle, Nicholas Davini, Louise Filiault, Joseph Grout, Lion Herfort, Owen Winslow**

PTA Citizenship Award: **Emma Greenough**

Cory Taber Award: **Matt Taylor**

The Herbert E. Ward Memorial Essay Contest:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Molly Adams "Arts and Sports: Finding the Balance",  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Grayson Hardy "Is This Really How We Learn? Standardized Testing in America",  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Nell Houde: The Teenage Atmosphere: Pressure to Do Better, Be Bigger, and the Pressure to Change",  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Anna Hadlock: "Teens Online: Sexting, Texting, and Trouble",  
**5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Isabella Lurie: "Climate Change".

Excellence in Music: **Emma Greenough, Nell Houde**

Excellence in Band: **Molly Adams, Nicholas Davini**

Outstanding Band Leadership: **Isabella Lurie, Charlie Williams**

Most Improvement in Band: **Lion Herfort, Austin Putnam**

Participation in Chorus: **Emma Greenough, Nell Houde, Jared McGranaghan**

Student Council Recognition: **Molly Adams, Morgan Dewdney, Owen Winslow**

**PLAINFIELD RECOGNITION AWARDS – June 18, 2010**

**continued**

**Math Team:** **Kelsie Atwater, Morgan Dewdney, Louise Filiault, Anna Hadlock, Grayson Hardy, Lion Herfort, Isabella Lurie, Kaylee Rogers**

**Technology Awards:** **Tyler Anderle, Sabrina Creighton, Garrett Inmann, Austin Putnam, Kaylee Rogers, Matt Taylor**

**Subject Area by Class Awards:**

<i>Math:</i>	<i>Problem Solver:</i>	<b>Kelsie Atwater, Lion Herfort</b>
	<i>Mathematical Model:</i>	<b>Nell Houde</b>
	<i>“Go to Student”:</i>	<b>Molly Adams</b>
	<i>Most Improved:</i>	<b>Hayley Perron, Charlie Williams</b>

<i>Social Studies</i>	<i>Most Interested:</i>	<b>Josh Creeger, Emma Greenough</b>
	<i>Most Current:</i>	<b>Morgan Dewdney, Isabella Lurie</b>
	<i>Most Improved:</i>	<b>Lion Herfort, Jared McGranaghan</b>

<i>Language Arts</i>	<i>Promising Writer:</i>	<b>Grayson Hardy</b>
	<i>Distinguished Writer:</i>	<b>Molly Adams, Lion Herfort</b>
	<i>Most Dedicated:</i>	<b>Sabrina Creighton, Hayley Perron</b>
	<i>Outstanding Effort:</i>	<b>Kaylee Rogers</b>

<i>Science</i>	<i>Lab Notebook:</i>	<b>Grayson Hardy, Nell Houde</b>
	<i>Scientific Question:</i>	<b>Molly Adams, Brendan O'Donnell</b>
	<i>Most Improved:</i>	<b>Josh Creeger, Owen Winslow</b>

<i>Health</i>	<i>Health Advocate:</i>	<b>Molly Adams, Morgan Dewdney</b>
	<i>Excellent Effort:</i>	<b>Emma Greenough, Kaylee Rogers</b>
	<i>Class Communicator:</i>	<b>Tyler Anderle</b>
	<i>Most Conscientious:</i>	<b>Tyler Geno</b>
	<i>Wellness Council:</i>	<b>Nicholas Davini, Alex Zuckerman</b>



**PLAINFIELD RECOGNITION AWARDS – June 18, 2010**

**continued**

<i>Spanish</i>	<i>Oral Proficiency:</i>	<b>Louise Filiault</b>
	<i>Cultural Connection:</i>	<b>Matt Taylor</b>
	<i>Progress &amp; Promise:</i>	<b>Brendan O'Donnell</b>
	<i>Academic Excellence:</i>	<b>Molly Adams</b>
	<i>Perseverance:</i>	<b>Grayson Hardy</b>
	<i>Integrity &amp; Authenticity:</i>	<b>Kaylee Rogers</b>
<i>Spanish</i>	<i>Outstanding</i>	
	<i>Spanish Exam:</i>	<b>Molly Adams</b>
<i>Art</i>	<i>Outstanding Merit:</i>	<b>Nicholas Davini, Kaylee Rogers</b>
	<i>Excellent Effort:</i>	<b>Tyler Geno, Jared McGranaghan</b>
	<i>Most Improved:</i>	<b>Charlotte Grzegorowicz, Hayley Perron</b>
<i>Music</i>	<i>Outstanding Merit:</i>	<b>Kaylee Rogers, Matt Taylor</b>
	<i>Excellent Effort:</i>	<b>Joseph Grout, Owen Winslow</b>
	<i>Most Improved:</i>	<b>Anna Hadlock, Jared McGranaghan</b>
<i>PE</i>	<i>Sportsmanship:</i>	<b>Nicholas Davini, Austin Putnam</b>
	<i>Effort &amp; Participation:</i>	<b>Molly Adams, Tyler Geno Ronan O'Donnell, Kaylee Rogers</b>
	<i>Most Improved:</i>	<b>Josh Creeger, Mike Rogers</b>
<i>Principal's Awards:</i>	<i>Leadership:</i>	<b>Charlie Williams</b>
	<i>Shakespeare Award:</i>	<b>Michael Rogers</b>
	<i>Big Brother:</i>	<b>Hunter Braswell, Joe Grout</b>
	<i>Big Sister:</i>	<b>Charlotte Grzegorowicz, Hayley Perron</b>
	<i>Strength in Communication:</i>	<b>Jared McGranaghan, Michael Rogers</b>
	<i>Honorable Mention:</i>	<b>Kelsie Atwater, Shelby Clukey, Sabrina Creighton, Anna Hadlock</b>

**KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY- 2009-2010**

(Plainfield Residents)

**Grade 9**

Parker Beaupre  
Alex Good

Ian Gregory-Davis  
William Sheehan

Joshua Young

**Grade 10**

Allen Spencer  
Kathleen Dessert  
Ashlee Hadlock

Josh Huett  
Jacob Lenz

Iman Mashouf  
Rebecca Young

**Grade 11**

Maria Cricco  
Molly Fontaine  
Laura Galvin  
Amelia Good

Charlotte Herbert  
Christina Kijewski  
Nicolle Moore

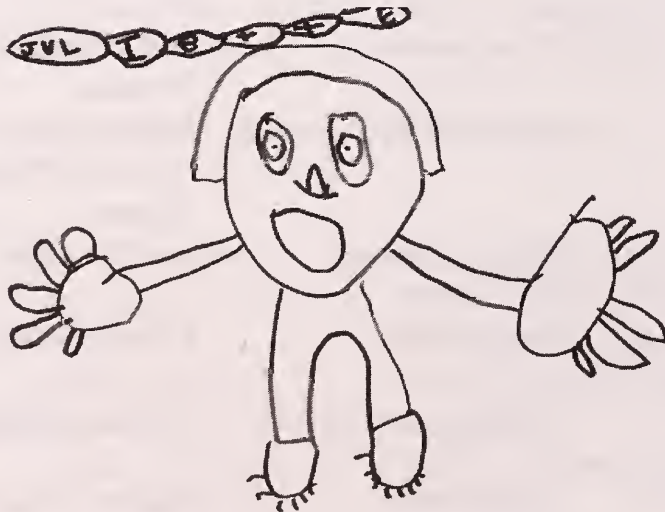
Robert Nugent  
James Scott  
Sheldon Stansfield

**Grade 12**

Victoria Agel  
Nathan Braginetz  
Benjamin DeFoe

Benjamin Hollander  
Ainsley MacDonald  
Daria Mashouf

Abby Plummer  
Nyisha Sangermano



*Juliette Hampton*

## **LHS TUITION STUDENTS 2009-2010**

### **Grade 9**

Sarah Berman	Emily Godfrey	Eric L'Heureux
Amber Blair	Wyatt Goodwin	Jesse Lord
Victoria Constantine	Timothy Grace	Trevor Marsh
Christopher Eisener	Deneale Hunter	Galen Moynihan
James Fadden	Morgan Keller	Evan O'Reilly

### **Grade 10**

Chelsea Brann	Andrew Inman	Bree Robinson
Dayna Descoteau	Alexander Keating	Alexis Romano
Tabatha Descoteau	Dustin LaRocque	Taylor Stone
Jeremy Ellis	Jeffrey LaRocque	Tucker Swett
Clinton Goodwin	Katelyn Maynard	Melissa Talbert
Cooper Hardy	Kaylan Murphy	Anna Tassinari
Austin Hathoot	Eloise Pierson	Brooke Truman
Kyra Herbert	Christopher Powers	Cassandra Young

### **Grade11**

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Jonathan Aldrich	Stephanie Harding	Liam Moynihan
Micah Berman	Megan Horn	Annie Pullen
Jordan Caudel	Jordan Kelley	Stephanie Smarsik
Conner Dodge	Morgan Lawrence	Hannah Sundell
Tasha Dube	Emma Lewis	Faith Sylvia
Joel Fellows	Catherine Liebowitz	Douglas Taylor
Sophia Filiault	Travis Marsh	Kurt Wehde
Ryan Geno	Kelsey McGovern	Chris Whitcomb
Eric Gleiser		

### **Grade 12**

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Jennifer Anderle	Kelsey Higgens	Nils Scheie
Cody Cantlin	Katherine Minard	Molly smith
Emma Clark	Nicholas Morse	Mykel Smith
Brian Clukey	Patrick Neilan	Emily Tassinari
Therese Ellis	Burke Patterson	Denise Thorburn
Lucas Goodwin	Melvin Pierce III	Hillary Ward
Eric Hebert		



## LHS UNDERGRAD HONORS NIGHT

On May 6, 2010, LHS students in grades nine, ten, and eleven were recognized for their academic achievements during 2009-2010. The following are awards presented to Plainfield students.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE – Grade 9 – **Evan O'Reilly, Andrew Taylor, Ava Wehde**; Grade 10 – **Jake Governo, Alexander Keating, Christopher Powers, Cassandra Young**

HONORS - student has earned at least a C+ in all courses taken and has received a G.P.A. of 3.0 - Grade 9 – **Sarah Berman, Amber Blair, Wyatt Goodwin, Eric L'Heureux, Evan O'Reilly, Cameron Prince, Jasmine Rogers, Grace Sylvia**; Grade 10 – **Chelsea Brann, Austin Hathoot, Kyra Herbert, Katelyn Maynard, Eloise Pierson, Benjamin Reetz, Bree Robinson, Alexia Romano, Cassandra Young**; Grade 11 – **Micah Berman, Emma Lewis, Catherine Liebowitz, Travis marsh, Kelsey McGovern, Annie Pullen, Stephanie Smarsik**

HIGH HONORS - student has earned at least an A- in all courses taken and a G.P.A. of 3.67 - Grade 9 – **Victoria Constantine, Galen Maynihan, Lindsay Pullen, Andrew Taylor, Sean Taylor**; Grade 10 – **Cooper Hardy**; Grade 11 – **Jane Kovacs, Morgan Lawrence, Liam Moynihan**

HARTFORD AREA CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER OUTSTANDING STUDENTS: Building Trades – **Travis Marsh**; Human Services – **Jordan Caudle**

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING RECOGNITION: **Liam Moynihan**

XEROX AWARD FOR INNOVATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: **Eric Gleiser**



*Cecilia Webber*

## **AWARDS CONFERRED ON THE LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2010**

**The following awards were presented to Plainfield student graduates at the Lebanon High School Senior Awards Ceremony at the Opera House on Monday, June 7, 2010.**

**OFFICERS OF THE CLASS OF 2010 – Vice-President, Jennifer E. Anderle**

**PETER D. MARTIN MEMORIAL AWARD** – given to a senior student who shares his/her gift of friendship easily, accepts others for who they are, has a good sense of humor, and stands up for his/her beliefs even though others may disagree – **Jennifer E. Anderle**

**LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP** – awarded annually to a son or daughter of a Lebanon High School or West Lebanon High School alumni member – **Katharine M. Minard**

**NANCY MARIE CLARK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD** – presented to a member of the graduating class by the family of Nancy Marie Clark, Class of 1984 – **Katharine M. Minard**

**LEBANON LIONS CLUB AWARD** – annual Lions Club scholarship to recognize deserving high school graduates – **Hillary L. Ward**

**RUTH SPAULDING HOYT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD** – given to seniors who will be pursuing higher education – **Jenifer E. Anderle**

**FREDERICK E. CARVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD** – given to a senior going on to post-secondary education – **Jennifer E. Anderle**

**PLAINFIELD PTO AWARD** – given to a senior from Plainfield who is going on to post-secondary education – **Nils Scheie**

**PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE** – in recognition of academic fitness by achieving a four year cumulative grade point average of 3.67 or higher – **Emily K. Tassinari, Katharine M. Minard**

**ROBERT C. BYRD HONORS SCHOLARSHIP** – awarded to a student chosen from the top scholars in our state’s public and private school – **Katharine M. Minard**

## **NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE**

Plainfield School District does not discriminate in its education programs, activities, or employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation or disability under the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1965, Section 1981 of the Civil Rights Act of 1966, the Equal Pay Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the American With Disabilities Act of 1990, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Individuals with Disabilities Act, RSA 186-C, and RSA 354-A. Any person having inquiries concerning Plainfield School District's compliance with the regulations implementing these laws may contact: Superintendent of Schools, 92 Bonner Road, Meriden, NH 03770, (603) 469-3442.

Certain specific inquiries may be directed to the following: Title IX Coordinator, Noelle Vitt; Title VI, VII and 504 Coordinator, Nancy Brogden.

Any person may also contact Title IX Coordinator, NH Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301. (603) 271-3196, for Title IX and Age Discrimination; Section 504 Coordinator, NH Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301, (603) 271-3610, for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Supervisor for National Origin & Equal Education Opportunity, NH Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301, (603) 271-3582, for Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education or the Director, U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Government, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02114

## **NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

School Administrative Unit #32, in complying with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA 2004), is required to locate and identify all school age children who may have educational disabilities including those who are homeless, migrant, wards of the state, or attending private schools within the Plainfield School district boundaries.

If you are a parent of, or know of a child age 3-21, who you feel may have an educational disability, please contact the School Principal or Director of Special Education at 469-3250. SAU #32 will provide free screening and evaluation of any child referred to them. Students found eligible for special education services will be offered a free appropriate public education.

A student with a disability who does not qualify for services under the IDEA 2004 may qualify for accommodations under Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act. Referrals under Section 504 may be made to the Principal.

Parents have the right to review the educational records of their children, as guaranteed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.



## **IDEA & Preschool Entitlement Funds: Application for Plainfield School District.**

IDEA entitlement and preschool funds are based on the actual number of special needs students in the **districts**. It is expected that Plainfield will qualify for a total grant of **\$56,410** in FY **2011**. These funds must be used to supplement our local expenditures. They cannot be used to reduce an amount spent by local funds in a prior fiscal year. During the current fiscal year these funds were used to pay for such services as speech and language services, special education assistants, a part time school social worker, staff development, and a part time school psychologist. Some of the funds are used to help us actively seek out, find and evaluate children who may be eligible for special education services. Federal law requires that we do this. The specific manner in which we propose to spend these funds is outlined in a grant application which was submitted in September of 2010. Delivery of the services proposed is contingent upon the approval of the application and the actual receipt of funds.

AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 IS AVAILABLE FOR  
INSPECTION AT THIS PEB SCHOOL OFFICE



*Anya Rendahl*

# **Plainfield School District** **2010-2011 Teachers/Professional Staff**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Date of Hire</b>	<b>College</b>
Allen	Jean	Teacher-Spanish Grs. 5-8	6/22/2000	B.A. Keene State College
Brogden	Nancy	Dir. Special Services	8/25/1999	B.A.Wheaton College;M.S.,PhD,Syracuse
Campbell	Debra	Speech/Lang. Pathologist	8/27/2007	B.A.,Rhode Island College; M.A.,Univ. of Conn.
Cantlin	Mary	Teacher/Technology Coordinator	8/23/1992	B.A.,Marietta College;M.Ed.,Keene State College
Carlson	Michelle	Teacher-7/8 Language Arts	8/27/2007	B.S.El.Ed,B.A.Theater/Dance, Keene State College
Collins	Sean	7/8 Social Studies	8/26/2010	B.A., Marist College;M.A.,Univ. of Vermont
Condon	Leah	Teacher - Art	8/25/2008	B.F.A. Colby Sawyer;M.Ed., N.E.College
Daley	Jill Canillas	Media Specialist	8/25/2008	B.A.,VT College of Norwich Univ.
Feid	Brandon	Teacher-P.E./Ath. Coordinator	8/26/2002	B.S. Univ. of New Hampshire
Garrity	Deborah	Teacher-Reading/Writing Special.	7/21/2010	B.A.Boston College; M.Ed. Plymouth State
Gouba	Marie	Teacher - Chorus	9/29/2010	B.M.E.Olivet College;
Heaton	Karen	Nurse/Health Educator	8/25/1997	B.S.N.,Univ.of Vermont
Heistad	Betty Ann	Teacher-Gr.1	8/26/1985	B.A.,Univ. of New Hampshire;M.Ed.,Antioch
Johnson	Brenda	Teacher-Gr.4	2/26/1986	B.A.,Syracuse University;M.Ed.,Antioch
Keeney	David	Teacher - Music	8/28/2006	B.M.E.,Olivet College
Knight	Laura	Teacher-Gr.1	8/6/1984	B.S.,Cornell University;M.S.,Wheelock College
Langsner	Ellen	Principal	7/1/2005	B.S.,Lesley College;M.Ed.+C.A.G.S.,Plymouth State Coll.
Lanzim	Katherine	Teacher-Special Ed.	11/1/1986	B.A.,Newark State Coll.
Lincoln	Amelia	Teacher-Social St. 7/8	8/27/2007	B.A. U Mass Amherst
Lynd	Betsy Rybeck	Teacher-Science 7/8	4/26/1983	B.S.,Bates College;M.S.T.,Antioch
MacIntosh	Robin	Teacher - ESL	11/16/2010	M.A. SIT Grad. Institute
Malsin	Gail	Guidance Counselor	8/15/2008	B.A., Univ.of Rochester;M.Ed.Plymouth State
Maslan	Kathleen	Teacher-Gr.3	11/8/1999	B.S.,Keene State College
Oidtmann	Linda	Teacher-Special Ed.	5/22/2000	B.Ed.,Univ.of Brit. Columbia;M.Ed.,Notre Dame College,NH
Perkins	Julie	Teacher-Gr.2	1/2/1978	B.S.,Castleton State College
Piano	Mary	Teacher-Math 7/8	8/26/2002	B.S.,Keene State College; M.S.Plymouth State College
Pullen	Susan	Teacher-Gr.5/6	8/29/2005	B.A.,Tufts Univ.;MSW Boston University
Sanchirico	Paul	Teacher-Gr.5/6	8/26/1993	B.S.,Keene State College
Sheehan	James	Teacher-Gr.5/6	3/7/1994	B.A.,Wesleyan University
Spratt	Laura	Teacher-Special Ed.	8/29/2005	B.S.,Univ.of Iowa;M.S.,Drake Univ.

Taber	Melinda	Teacher-Gr.4	8/25/1997	B.S., Univ. of New Hampshire; M.Ed., UNH
Vitt	Noelle	Superintendent	7/1/2008	B.A., Denison Univ. M.A., Univ. of Rhode Island
Wolkin	Larry	Teacher-Gr.3	8/24/1981	B.A., SUNY-Binghamton; M.A., Bank St. College
Woodcock	Mark	Teacher-Kindergarten	8/25/1987	B.A., Towson State University

### Plainfield School District

#### 2010-2011 Support Staff

Last Name	First Name	Position	Date of Hire	College
Bienwirth	Beth	Secretary to the Principal	8/24/2004	Assoc., North Country Community College
Beloin	Linda	Educational Assistant	4/26/2005	
Chapin	Emily	Educational Assistant	9/8/1998	Pierce College for Women
Collins	Lehann	Library Aide	8/29/2001	Ocean County College, NJ
Downs	Janna	Educational Assistant	8/28/2006	
Estey	Lori	Educational Assistant	8/25/2008	B.S. Castleton College
Fleming	William	Custodian	5/3/1987	
Goerke	Shelley	Educational Assistant	8/29/2005	ChildCareCert., College for Lifelong Learning
Goodrow	Fawn	Educational Assistant	9/11/1997	B.S., Merrimack College
Goodwin	Naomi	Educational Assistant	8/26/2009	B.S., Plymouth State College
Gradjian	Lisa	School Secretary	5/27/2008	Univ. of San Diego
Granter	William	Educational Assistant	8/29/2005	B.A., B.Ed., Memorial Univ. of Newfoundland
Huett	Cynthia	Lunch Program Coordinator	8/19/2003	Lebanon College
Johnson	Leni-Lyne	Educational Assistant	8/28/2004	B.A., University of Connecticut
Merchant	Sharon	Educational Assistant	12/15/2010	B.A., Granite State College
Morse	Debra	Educational Assistant	8/29/2005	Assoc., Mount Ida College
Nierenberg	Joan	Asst. to the Superintendent	10/1/1999	B.A., Mount Holyoke College
Peters	Patricia	Educational Assistant	8/26/2009	B.S. Bridgewater State Coll., Bridgewater MA
Rullo	Dominic	Night Custodian	10/26/1998	
Warren	Robin	Title I Math Tutor	8/24/2009	B.S.N., Alfred Univ., Alfred, NY
Whitman	Rosemary	Educational Assistant	8/26/2003	B.S., University of N. Dakota
Wolke	Evy	Educational Assistant	8/30/2004	B.A., Wesleyan University



## Plainfield's Educational Mission

**Mission Statement:** As a community of learners, our educational mission in Plainfield is to support and expect academic excellence while building character, self-confidence, and enthusiasm for life-long learning.

### Responsibilities

*The community* is responsible for providing a quality education to children in grades K through 12.

*The school* is responsible for:

- Stating clearly academic goals and defining a curriculum with high academic standards.
- Teaching with an awareness of individual children's learning styles.
- Emphasizing good character, self-discipline, and interpersonal skills.
- Providing an atmosphere that fosters excitement about learning.
- Offering strong administrative leadership and a high quality staff.
- Respecting the values, authority, and input of parents, as well as the situations of the home environment.
- Encouraging involvement of parents and community members in the life of the school.

*The home* is responsible for:

- Understanding and reinforcing school curricula.
- Encouraging students to complete homework and to place a high priority on education.
- Ensuring that children arrive at school on time, rested, fed, and ready to learn.
- Respecting the expertise and authority of teachers and staff.

### Results

*Students should possess a foundation of information, concepts, and learning skills:*

- Analytical skills: identifying and formulating problems, researching information, and developing creative solutions.
- Reading, writing, and speaking effectively, with grounding in US. and world literature.
- Mathematics, including the ability to apply quantitative thinking and analysis in daily life.
- Physical, earth, and life sciences, including how these are manifested in everyday phenomena such as the environment, technology, and weather.
- History, geography, government, and the responsibilities of citizenship in local, national, and global contexts.
- Significant exposure to the arts, a foreign language, and the diversity of human culture.
- Effective use of computers for computation and processing information.
- Appreciation of physical and mental health, including avoidance of substance abuse and communicable diseases.

*Students should display behaviors that allow them to be productive learners and relate effectively to others:*

- Enthusiasm for learning.
- Confidence and self esteem.
- Self-discipline and good work habits, including the ability to listen and take turns.
- Personal integrity and honesty.
- Willingness to take responsibility where appropriate and to follow through once responsibility is assumed.
- Acceptance of, sensitivity to, and compassion for others.

*Mutual respect, support, and participation among the community, families, and the school are vital to effectively achieving our mission. Open communication is encouraged, valued, and respected.*



Town folk enjoying a “wicked good time” as we said Thank You to Chief Gillens for his many years of service.     *Photo S. Gillens*



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